

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT AND EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

AND

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF DEADLINE FOR SEEKING EXTENSION

St. Louis Regional Public Media, Inc. (SLRPM) hereby requests reinstatement and a short extension of its Construction Permit for noncommercial educational television station KETC, St. Louis, Missouri (LMS File No. 0000034609).

In the repack, Station KETC was originally directed to move from Channel 39 to Channel 17, in Phase 8 of the transition process. However, on March 23, 2018, the Commission modified the assigned phase to require KETC to transition on or before June 1, 2018. In addition, on March 13, 2018, the FCC granted KETC's request to change its post-auction channel from 17 to 23, as reflected in the referenced construction permit.

KETC completed its transition to Channel 23 on a timely basis, but did so using a temporary side-mounted antenna pursuant to STA, pending completion of the replacement of the permanent top-mounted antenna. Construction of the permanent facilities authorized by the CP was completed later in June, and KETC is simultaneously filing its application for a license to cover that construction.

KETC did not realize, however, that the FCC had modified its Construction Permit to specify the earlier June 1, 2018, and therefore was not aware that an extension was required in order to complete the permanent facilities after that date. The purpose of this application, therefore, is to seek reinstatement of the CP and an extension for a short period, to cover the actual completion of construction and filing of the license application.

In these circumstances, to the extent necessary, SLRPM hereby requests a waiver of the FCC's requirement that repack CP extension requests be filed 90 days in advance of the expiration date. As noted above, SLRPM only yesterday learned that the March 20, 2020 expiration date shown on the KETC construction permit on the FCC's LMS system was not still valid, and it moved quickly to file this application upon learning of FCC staff's understanding that the CP actually expired on June 1, 2018. Reinstatement and extension is necessary to complete FCC licensing of the now-constructed post-transition facilities for KETC, and thus reinstatement and extension of the CP will serve the public interest in preserving public television service to the St. Louis area.