

Request for Additional Waiver of the Date for Implementing Channel-Sharing

South Florida PBS, Inc. (SFPBS), licensee of Class A Station WURH-CD, Miami, Florida (Facility ID No. 4366), requests an additional waiver of the date to implement shared channel operations, until no later than August 22, 2018. WURH-CD was previously licensed to Sunshine Broadcasting Company. The WURH-CD license was donated to SFPBS. *See* FCC File No. BALDTA-20171005ABK. The donation was consummated on December 15, 2017. The Commission granted a construction permit for WIMP-CD to share facilities with WPBT, Miami, Florida (Facility ID No. 13456), also licensed to SFPBS. *See* FCC File No. 0000030170.

On December 21, 2017, SFPBS requested authority for the station to go silent. *See* FCC File No. 0000036708. The station is now silent on its previous channel.

The Video Division granted a waiver of the channel-sharing deadline for WURH-CD to April 23, 2018. *See* LMS File No. 0000040588. The Commission there recognized that implementation of channel-sharing between WURH-CD and WPBT would occur simultaneously with implementation of channel-sharing between WXEL-TV, Boynton Beach, Florida, also licensed to SFPBS, and WPBT. SFPBS requested an additional 90 days for silent authority for WURH-CD and to begin its operation on its shared channel. *See* LMS File No. 0000048988. That request was granted by the Video Division. *Letter from Barbara A. Kreisman to South Florida PBS, Inc.* (March 28, 2018).

SFPBS today requested up to an additional 30 days for WXEL-TV to move to shared operations with WPBT due to unexpected problems DirecTV claims it experiences in receiving the signal over fiber connection from the WPBT transmitter. Until SFPBS is able to commence

shared operations for WXEL-TV and WURH-CD from the WPBT transmitter, it is practically impossible for it to commence transmissions for WURH-CD alone since doing so would require extensive changes to the signals it receives from its shared master control facility in Jacksonville, as well as changes to its PSIP information. Further, those changes would have to be repeated, with the potential for additional delays, once the DirecTV issues with the WXEL-TV signal are resolved and shared operations with WXEL-TV could begin. Thus, requiring WURH-CD to commence operations from the WPBT transmitter separately from commencing channel-sharing with WXEL-TV would entail substantial additional expense and could delay SFPBS' complete transition to its post-auction facilities.

The Video Division recently recognized that the "Commission's rules require that we view [an additional] request favorably," as long as the extension will not delay the post-auction transition. *Letter from Barbara A. Kreisman to WRNN License Company, LLC* (Vid. Div. March 12, 2018). The requested additional delay in channel-sharing will not have any impact on the transition to post-auction allotments in Florida since WURH-CD has already ceased operations on its previous channel, and the requested delay in channel-sharing will not in itself delay the timing of WPBT's move to its new channel, along with the two other signals that will share that facility. Further, all Florida stations were assigned to transition phase 2, for which testing cannot begin until December 1, 2018, long after this second waiver will expire.

Therefore, SFPBS requests a further extension of the deadline to implement shared operations for WURH-CD to a date no later than August 22, 2018.