

## **Request for Extension of Post-Auction Construction Permit**

Mission Broadcasting, Inc. (“Mission”), the licensee of KASN(TV), Pine Bluff, Arkansas, (Facility ID No. 41212), respectfully requests an extension of its post-auction construction permit for Channel 34. See LMS File No. 0000034796. KASN(TV) is operating on its pre-auction Channel 39 but is prepared to transition to its post-auction Channel 34 at the conclusion of Phase One - on November 30, 2018.

Mission has worked diligently to finalize the KASN(TV) post-auction Channel 34 facility but has encountered several brief delays due to local permitting and tower rigging issues. As a consequence, and in an abundance of caution, Mission is seeking a brief extension of KASN(TV)’s post-auction construction deadline, which is November 30, 2018. Mission filed a Request for Special Temporary Authority, specifying interim operations on KASN(TV)’s post-auction Channel 34. See LMS File No. 0000063679. The request remains pending as of this submission.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3700(b)(5), the Media Bureau has the authority to provide an extension of the construction deadline for up to six months if the reassigned station encounters circumstances that include weather delays, construction delays, tower lease disputes, unusual technical challenges and permitting and zoning delays. As disclosed above, and due to permitting and construction delays, Mission respectfully requests a 60-day extension of its post-auction construction permit – until January 29, 2019.

To the extent necessary, Mission also request a waiver of the Commission’s requirement that requests for extension of post-auction construction deadlines be submitted 90 days prior to the existing construction permit deadline. In an abundance of caution, Mission seeks a brief extension of the KASN(TV) post-auction construction permit until January 29, 2019. Grant of this waiver request and the extension of the construction permit would be in the public interest as it would allow the orderly transition of the station from its pre-auction channel to its post-auction channel by the transition deadline while still allowing the station to remain on the air while Mission completes the KASN(TV) post-auction facility.