

Request for Extension of KMCI-TV Construction Permit (LMS File No. 0000034675)

Scripps Broadcasting Holdings LLC (Scripps), licensee of digital television broadcast station KMCI-TV located at Lawrence, KS (Facility ID No. 42636), respectfully requests an extension of the KMCI-TV post-auction construction permit for Channel 25 (LMS File No. 0000034675). KMCI-TV successfully transitioned to its post-auction channel in February 2019, but it is currently operating pursuant to Special Temporary Authority (LMS File No. 0000067032).

As detailed in the request for Special Temporary Authority, KMCI-TV installed a side-mounted broadband auxiliary antenna and a new auxiliary transmitter so that the station could operate on its new channel while work at the top of the tower for the main facility could be completed along with installation of the new main transmitter. The tower work and main transmitter installation were anticipated to start in March 2019; however, the tower company has had weld issues with its new gin pole needed for the main antenna installation of the co-owned and co-located KSHB-TV. Both the KSHB-TV top-mounted and KMCI-TV side-mounted antennas were planned to be installed within the same time-frame. Also, the transmitter manufacturer has had to push back the installation date of the main transmitter multiple times. Due to the delays, KMCI-TV will not be able to meet the April 12, 2019 construction permit deadline.

Scripps, therefore, respectfully requests an additional ninety days, or until July 11, 2019, to complete the construction of the facility specified in the KMCI-TV construction permit. To the extent necessary, Scripps also respectfully requests a waiver of the Commission's requirement that the request for extension of post-auction construction deadlines be submitted ninety days prior to the existing construction permit deadline. Grant of the extension and waiver request would be in the public interest as it would facilitate the KMCI-TV move to its new post-auction facility without impacting the repack schedule since KMCI-TV is already operating on its post-auction channel.