

Request for Silent Special Temporary Authority

WTVX Licensee, LLC (“WTVX” or “Licensee”), licensee of WWHB-CA (Facility ID: 63557) (“WWHB”) and WTCN-CA (Facility ID: 70865) (“WTCN”) (collectively “Stations”) respectfully requests Silent Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to remain silent for a period of up to six months while it completes construction of the post-transition facilities for these Class A Television stations. WTVX fully-expects to return the stations to the air on their post-transition channels well before the six months requested here. The request is supported by good cause and granting it would further the public interest.

Each station has timely ceased operation on its pre-transition channel, has complied with the linked station schedule, and has complied with all other transition requirements. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the licensee’s control, final construction of the post-transition facilities could not be completed on schedule.

WYCN-CA and WWHB-CA share a common antenna. The final step in construction of the post-transition facilities required a helicopter pick, wherein the top-mount antenna is placed in position on top of the tower. On the date scheduled for this phase of construction, local airports were temporarily closed when the President of the United States flew in and out of the area, requiring that the helicopter pick be rescheduled. This resulted in subsequent delays involving electrical crews causing the stations’ inability to complete construction and commencement of broadcast operations by the April 12, 2019 Phase 2 transition deadline.

Licensee anticipates that construction of the shared facilities will be completed in the near future but acknowledges that commencement of post-transition operations for Stations WYCN-CA and WWHB-CA may run into the first two to three weeks of Phase 3.

The grant of the proposed STA extension will serve the public interest by providing the Stations with needed additional time to commence post-transition operations and provide service to the public. No other party will be adversely affected by the requested relief. Therefore, good cause exists for grant of the requested Silent STA.