

WBND-TV Limited Partnership, licensee of WMYS-LD (the “Station”)(Fac. ID 168647), South Bend, Indiana, is currently operating on Channel 33 by means of a Special Temporary Authorization (“STA”) (LMS File No. 0000053500), originally granted June 25, 2018, extended on December 18, 2018 and set to expire June 17, 2019.

As noted in its original STA request and subsequent extension request, the Station’s long-standing operations on Channel 39 were to be affected by T-Mobile’s launch of its services as a licensee in the 600 MHz Band in the South Bend market. As such, the Station developed a carefully-coordinated plan for temporary operation and transition that will allow the Station to continue to provide service to the public with no adverse impact on other licensees. The elements of the plan include careful coordination with broadcasters in the Chicago, Milwaukee, and South Bend television markets to anticipate and meet the Phase 6 build-out deadline in a synchronized manner, so as to avoid any chance of harmful interference among broadcasters in multiple markets. The Station understands that it must not cause harmful interference to other licensees, and it will coordinate its operations to that end.

Accordingly, upon completion of construction of its post-transition facility on Channel 28, and after the conclusion of the anticipated Phase 6 coordination date on or before October 18, 2019, WMYS-LD will cease its STA operation on Channel 33 and launch operation on Channel 28, subject to the Special Displacement Construction Permit granted June 12, 2018, set to expire June 12, 2021 (LMS File No. 0000054333).

As such, the Station hereby seeks a second six-month extension to its underlying STA. Grant of this STA extension request will allow WMYS-LD to continue to provide service to the public with as little disruption to its viewers as possible.