

Explanation of Extraordinary Circumstances

On June 24 2019, the Video Division of the Federal Communication Commission's Media Bureau granted the West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority ("WVEBA") special temporary authority ("STA") to operate WNPB-TV at variance. Specifically, the STA allows WVEBA to use the WNPB-TV's post transition channel 34 transmitter to temporarily broadcast through the licensed antenna because the post-transition antenna would not be installed in time to meet the Phase 4 August 2nd, 2019 completion date deadline. This STA is scheduled to expire on December 24, 2019.

WVEBA requests a further extension of this STA for an additional 180 days because the circumstances that warranted the initial STA continue. Specifically, WVEBA requires additional time to procure and install the post-transition antenna.

Grant of this STA extension request is in the public interest because it will allow WVEBA to continue to broadcast until the new equipment can be purchased and installed.