

Request for Waiver for Late-Filed Renewal Application, and Other Issues

Vanessa Nguyen, individually (“Nguyen”) is the licensee of commercial radio station WPBS(AM), Conyers, Georgia (Facility ID No. 42070, “WPBS”), since closing on her purchase of WPBS from a prior licensee on February 7, 2017 (statements and representations made in this exhibit or this renewal application in general are based only on the period of time that Nguyen has been the licensee of WPBS).

Miscommunications and the need for additional information led to Nguyen missing the December 1, 2019 renewal application filing deadline for WPBS. Therefore, Nguyen respectfully requests a waiver of Section 73.3539 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 73.3539, to permit acceptance of this late-filed renewal application. Nguyen notes that the renewal application is being filed well prior to the April 1, 2020 expiration date of WPBS’s FCC station license, such that interested parties will have an adequate opportunity to comment on the application.

Nguyen also requests waiver of Section 73.3526 of the Commissions rules, 47 C.F.R. § 73.3526, to permit the late uploading of certain materials to the station’s online local public inspection file (“LPIF”), and specifically including the quarterly issues/programs lists (“QIPLs”) for the station (all of which have now been uploaded to the station’s online LPIF for the period of time that Nguyen has been the licensee), and for not having materials from prior station licensee(s) to place in the station’s LPIF or upload to the online LPIF.

Nguyen submits that grant of the waivers requested and processing of the renewal application would serve the public interest, by allowing the continued operation of one of the few (if not the only) full power radio stations licensed and operating in the Atlanta, Georgia market with Vietnamese language programming and serving the needs of that ethnic community, and based on her commitment to timely maintain the online LPIF going forward.