

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

WPPX-TV – Wilmington, Delaware

Facility ID: 51984

ION Media Philadelphia License, Inc. ("ION"), licensee of television station WPPX-TV, Wilmington, Delaware (FCC Facility ID No. 51984), respectfully submits this request for extension of special temporary authority ("STA") to continue to operate on its post-auction Channel 34 at a reduced power of 131 KW.

WPPX-TV continues to experience structure modification delays which have impacted the repack construction completion schedule. Therefore, insufficient time remains to complete the extensive reconstruction required at WPPX-TV's post-repack facility by the construction deadline of 1/29/2020 (See FCC LMS File No. 0000093553). Accordingly, ION respectfully requests an extension of STA for WPPX-TV to continue to operate on Channel 34 with an interim antenna at reduced power while the tower modifications are being completed.

Grant of this request for extension of STA serves the public interest by allowing WPPX-TV to remain on the air serving its viewers while it completes construction of its permanent post-repack facility.