

WFTX-TV, Cape Coral, FL
Request for Further Extension of STA
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Scripps Broadcasting Holdings LLC (“Scripps”), licensee of station WFTX-TV, Cape Coral, FL (the “Station”), respectfully requests extension of the September 3, 2019 extension of the grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) allowing the Station to operate from a temporary location while the tower at its licensed location undergoes significant construction (File No. 0000067552).

WFTX-TV currently is licensed to operate on Ch. 35. It was assigned Ch. 34 as its post-incentive auction facility and has a Phase 10 construction deadline on July 3, 2020. Completion of the post-incentive auction facility on Ch. 34 requires significant structural work to bring the tower into compliance with current code, including removal of the WFTX antenna. To continue broadcasting during the construction, the Station requested and was granted an STA to operate from a nearby location.

Although Scripps has not yet begun broadcasting from the temporary location, as explained in the initial STA request, local authorities required FCC authorization for the interim site prior to issuing a local work permit. A tower crew is currently installing the necessary equipment at the interim location and the station expects to begin operating from that location shortly.

Inasmuch as the structural work on the licensed tower requires a significant amount of time, Scripps respectfully requests further extension of its STA to allow WFTX-TV to broadcast on its current Ch. 35 at the temporary location until the tower work and construction of its new Ch. 34 facility are completed.