

## **EXPLANATION IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

This STA was originally granted on September 13, 2017 in accordance with FCC policy due to WLCF's receipt of a 120-day displacement notice from T-Mobile, requiring WLCF to cease operating on its prior channel by October 31, 2017.<sup>1</sup> WLCF ceased operating on its original channel 45, and commenced operations on the STA channel 21 at that time. The STA has been extended five times, and now a sixth extension is requested. WLCF's displacement construction permit is for channel 17 (0000029606).

In the fall of 2019, WLCF was ready to transition to channel 17 but became aware that WAND, a full power Decatur, IL station, was temporarily assigned rights to operate on channel 17, which in turn delayed WLCF's transition. A fifth extension of WLCF's channel 21 STA was therefore requested and granted. WAND has now commenced operations on its post-auction channel 20, so that obstacle to WLCF's transition has been resolved. However, recent weather events caused flooding of the WLCF tower site. The entire field around the tower was under a few feet of water when the tower crew arrived to install WLCF's channel 17 antenna. The water impeded the tower crew's work, and the crew had to be rescheduled. A sixth (and hopefully final) STA extension is therefore requested to avoid a loss of service to the public.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Set Forth Tools Available to LPTV/Translator Stations Displaced Prior to the Special Displacement Window*, Public Notice, DA 17-584 (released June 14, 2017)