

Request for Extension of Post-Auction Construction Permit

Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., the licensee of WJKT(TV), Jackson, Tennessee, FAC ID 68519, respectfully requests an extension of its post-auction construction permit for Channel 21. See LMS File No. 0000027712. WJKT(TV), slated to transition to its post-auction Channel 21 in Phase 8 (by/before March 13, 2020), is currently operating with interim facilities on its post-auction Channel 21 pursuant to special temporary authority (“STA”). See LMS File No. 0000054089, most recently extended by LMS File No. 0000087345.

As the Media Bureau is aware, the WJKT(TV) post-transition (final) antenna has not yet been installed due to rigging delays. Consequently, and as detailed above, Nexstar sought STA to operate with interim facilities in order to vacate its pre-auction Channel 39. See LMS File No. 0000087345. Nexstar is concurrently seeking an extension of STA. See LMS File No. 0000107237, which remains pending.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3700(b)(5), the Media Bureau has the authority to provide an extension of the construction deadline for up to six months if the reassigned station encounters circumstances that include weather delays, construction delays, tower lease disputes, unusual technical challenges and permitting and zoning delays. As disclosed above, Nexstar has been subject to unavoidable delays which then create further construction delays. Accordingly, Nexstar respectfully requests an extension of its post-transition construction permit until September 9, 2020.

To the extent necessary, Nexstar also requests a waiver of the Commission’s requirement that requests for extension of post-auction construction deadlines be submitted 90 days prior to the existing construction permit deadline. Nexstar has made every effort to meet the Phase 8 transition deadline but only recently determined that the antenna installation would be significantly delayed until after March 13, 2020. Grant of this waiver request and the extension of the CP would be in the public interest as it would allow the station to remain on the air while Nexstar completes the WJKT(TV) post-transition facility.