

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF STA AND EXTENSION OF LICENSE AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 312(g)**

Scripps Broadcasting Holdings, LLC (“Scripps”), licensee of television translator station KZCS-LP, Colorado Springs, CO (Facility ID No. 67544), hereby requests extension of the STA authorized in FCC File No. 0000072456, and extension of its license as permitted by Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, to allow the station to remain silent beyond May 6, 2020 pending construction of the station’s new digital facilities on displacement channel 18. The station anticipates that May 20, 2020—two weeks after the one-year anniversary of the date it went silent—is the earliest date by which it can reasonably expect to complete construction and return the station to full operation.

KZCS went off the air on May 6, 2019 due to programming and technical difficulties and has remained silent since that time pursuant to STA granted May 7, 2019. A request for extension of the STA (FCC File No. 0000088135) was filed November 5, 2019 and remains pending.

As part of the special displacement window, the FCC granted authorization for the displacement of KZCS to channel 18 (File No. 0000054347). Although Scripps had anticipated timely completion of the new KZCS facilities, its construction efforts have been delayed due to the early onset of winter weather conditions in the region which led to inaccessible roads surrounding the station’s Cheyenne Mountain transmitter location.

While Scripps does not expect to be able to return the station to the air within the one-year window contemplated by Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, exercise of the Commission’s discretion to extend the license under that Section is warranted “to promote equity and fairness.” See 47 USC § 312(g). That is, Scripps’ expected inability to complete the required construction and resume station operations by May 6 is due to circumstances beyond its control—the early and continuing winter weather at the transmitter site and associated road closures that are delaying delivery of the new transmitter and antenna to this remote site.

Accordingly, the public interest would be furthered by briefly extending the station’s license and the STA so that it can resume offering television service. While the station expects the applicable roads to become passable by the end of May at the latest, it requests that these extensions be granted through June 15, 2020 to ensure time to complete construction.