

**Request for Extension of Construction Permit**  
**WMAR-TV, Facility ID: 59442**  
**(LMS File No. 0000026796)**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Scripps Broadcasting Holdings LLC (Scripps), licensee of digital television broadcast station WMAR-TV located at Baltimore, MD (Facility ID No. 59442), respectfully requests a one hundred and eighty day extension of the WMAR-TV post-auction construction permit for Channel 27 (LMS File No. 0000026796).

The WMAR-TV broadcast facility is located at a site known locally as “Television Hill” and the existing antenna is part of an antenna stack on one leg the candelabra tower at the site. The tower is owned by Television Tower Inc. (TTI), which is a joint venture between WMAR-TV, WJZ-TV and WBAL-TV. All three stations are scheduled to complete their respective repacking in Phase 10.

The “Television Hill” site is shared by the three full-service television stations and multiple FM stations,<sup>1/</sup> making it a complicated site. Furthermore, the WJZ-TV and WBAL-TV studios and offices are located very near to the tower and must be evacuated during the removal of the existing antennas and installation of new antennas. Given the complexity, the TTI stations plan to utilize a helicopter lift as the primary method to replace the main antennas and support pedestals for each station due to the efficiency and logistical benefits compared to traditional antenna installation methods. Considering all the circumstances related to the installation of the new main antennas, the helicopter lifts are currently scheduled for the end of July 2020.

WMAR-TV has already installed an interim/auxiliary antenna capable of operating on its repack channel (Ch. 27) which is located below the candelabra arm (WJZ-TV and WBAL-TV have also installed their auxiliary antennas in the same manner). WMAR-TV intends to operate from its new auxiliary starting at the Phase 10 transition deadline (July 3, 2020). WMAR-TV, along with the filing of the request for a CP extension, plans to file a request for Special Temporary Authority to operate on Ch. 27 with its auxiliary/interim facility, since the helicopter lift for the main antenna cannot take place before the Phase 10 construction permit deadline.

WMAR-TV, therefore, respectfully requests an additional one hundred and eighty days, or until December 30, 2020, to complete the construction of the facility specified in its construction permit. To the extent necessary, WMAR-TV also respectfully requests a waiver of the Commission’s requirement that the request for extension of post-auction construction deadlines be submitted ninety days prior to the existing construction permit deadline. Grant of the extension and waiver request would be in the public interest as it would facilitate the WMAR-TV move to its new post-auction facility without impacting the repack schedule since WMAR-TV plans to be operating on its post-auction channel by the July 3, 2020 deadline.

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<sup>1/</sup> FM stations WLIF, WIYY, WJZ and WWMX all utilize the TTI tower.