

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT EXTENSION REQUEST EXHIBIT

On behalf of Magnum Radio, Inc., ("Magnum") the Licensee of WEZY-LP, Tomah, Wisconsin (FAC# 39628) this instant application is filed pursuant to FCC *Public Notice*, DA-20-724, (released July 13, 2020), "*Media Bureau Reminds Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations of July 13, 2021 Digital Transition Date.*" In that Public Notice, the following was, *inter alia*, stated:

"In addition to ceasing analog operations by the digital transition date, transitioning LPTV/translator stations that experience delays in completing their digital facilities may seek one last extension of time of their digital construction permits, of not more than 180 days, to be filed no later than March 13, 2021, which is four months prior to the July 13, 2021, transition date. An application for extension of time to construct must include an exhibit demonstrating that failure to meet the construction deadline is due to circumstances that are either unforeseeable or beyond the licensee's control and that the licensee has taken all reasonable steps to resolve the problem expeditiously. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to: (1) delays in obtaining zoning or other approvals, or similar constraints; (2) inability to obtain equipment; or (3) financial hardship."

Magnum respectfully requests a six (6) month extension of time to complete construction of its Digital Construction Permit FCC File No. BDISDTL-20120511AEI. At the outset, it should be noted that, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, an unforeseeable event, it has been a challenge to construct all types of broadcast facilities. The Commission recognized this construction dilemma in FCC *Public Notice*, DA 20-1059, (released September 10, 2020 (the "FM Translator Public Notice"). In the FM Translator Public Notice, the Commission made clear that it is aware the COVID-19 crisis has made obtaining equipment because of supply chain issues and contracting with tower crews next to impossible. It should also be noted that, prior to the pandemic, the Commission's repurposing of spectrum created a shortage of available equipment and tower crews, etc. As a radio and television broadcaster, Magnum, as a result of the pandemic, like all other broadcasters is contending with overall financial challenges due to diminished advertising revenue. These challenges include delays in capital improvement expenditures (such as digital construction). Notwithstanding these challenges, Magnum has continued to put emphasis on digital construction. Magnum is in possession of the needed antenna, a SWR Model SW8/35. In addition, Magnum is scheduled to have said antenna installed by Empire Tower the week of April 19, 2021. Attached is an email confirmation from Al Romels of Empire Tower. While Magnum believes its digital build-out will be completed prior to the July 13, 2021 deadline, supply chain issues and new COVID strains may appear which could slow the process further. Therefore, an extension of time is certainly justified.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Magnum respectfully requests the six (6) month extension of Digital Construction Permit FCC File No. BDISDTL-20120511AEI until January 13, 2022.

John Trent

From: Dave Magnum <magcom@chorus.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:45 PM
To: John Trent
Cc: Sharon Hinderer; Roy Stype; Reid Magnum
Subject: Fwd: Tomah install schedule

John, As you know, Chris Tarr is our Group Director of Engineering. Below is an email from Empire Tower to Chris regarding WEZY Channel 35 Antenna install. Regards, Dave

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: chris@magnum.media
To: "Dave Magnum" <magcom@chorus.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:13:35 PM
Subject: FW: Tomah install schedule

RE: Tomah/Ridgeville Ch 35 antenna

-----Original Message-----

From: Al Romeis <al@empiretower.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Chris Tarr <chris@magnum.media>
Subject: Tomah install schedule

Hi Chris,

I was able to check my schedule book for the LP TV install at Tomah and the week of April 19th through April 24th will work on my end.

If you can make one of those days work in your schedule that would be great, and a back up day if it rains. I will keep the week open for now until you can make a schedule work.

Regards

Al Romeis
Empire Tower
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