

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority (“WVEBA”), licensee of non-commercial educational television station WVPB-TV, Facility ID No. 71657, Huntington, West Virginia (“WVPB”), hereby files the instant application to request an extension of special temporary authority (“STA”) to channel share with WOWK-TV until such time as construction of the facility specified in WVPB’s post-auction construction permit, LMS File No. 0000034622 (“Channel 9 CP”) is completed. WVPB transitioned from its pre-auction channel 34 to its post-auction channel 9 pursuant to special temporary authority granted on September 30, 2020 (“Channel Share STA”). *See* LMS File No. 0000121867. WVPB is presently broadcasting on channel 9 in accordance with the technical parameters specified in the Channel 9 STA. The Channel 9 STA is presently scheduled to expire on **March 29, 2021**, concurrently with the Channel 9 CP.

Out of an abundance of caution, WVEBA requests an extension of the Channel 9 STA for an additional 180 days, until **September 27, 2021**,¹ because due to special, rare and exceptional circumstances beyond its control, namely, the onset of winter weather conditions, construction of the Channel 9 CP facility may not be complete by the March 29 deadline for the reasons more fully described in WVEBA’s application for a waiver of the FCC’s tolling standard to extend the Channel 9 CP to September 27, 2021, filed concurrently herewith. *See* LMS File No. 0000139580.

Grant of this STA extension request is in the public interest because it will allow WVPB to continue to broadcast until the Channel 9 CP facility can be brought into operation.

¹ The 180th day after March 29, 2021 is September 25, 2021. However, because September 25, 2021 falls on a Saturday, WVEBA respectfully requests that the Bureau extend the expiration date of the Channel Share STA to September 27, 2021.