

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

WLS Television, Inc., licensee of WLS-TV, Chicago, Illinois, Facility ID No. 73226 (“WLS”), hereby files the instant application to request a further extension of special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate at reduced power on its post-auction channel, channel 22, while it completes construction of its main post-auction facility as authorized by LMS File No. 0000034300 (“Main Facility CP”). In October 2019, WLS (and its channel sharing partner, WXFT, Facility ID No. 60539) timely transitioned from channel 44 to channel 22 pursuant to STA (“Channel 22 STA”). See LMS File No. 0000083065, as extended by LMS File Nos. 0000108716 and 0000121914. WLS is presently broadcasting on channel 22 in accordance with the technical parameters specified in the Channel 22 STA. The Channel 22 STA is presently scheduled to expire on **April 12, 2021**, concurrently with the Main Facility CP.

WLS requests an extension of the Channel 22 STA for an additional 180 days, until **October 11, 2021**,¹ because due to special, rare and exceptional circumstances beyond its control, construction of the Main Facility CP will not be complete by the April 12 deadline for the reasons more fully described in WLS’s application for a second waiver of the FCC’s tolling standard to extend the Main Facility CP to October 11, 2021, filed with the Commission on March 16, 2021. See LMS File No. 0000139978 (pending).

Grant of this STA extension request is in the public interest because it will allow WLS (and its channel sharing partner WXFT) to continue to broadcast until its main channel 22 antenna or, alternatively, WLS’s new channel 22 auxiliary antenna, can be installed and brought into operation.

¹ The 180th day after April 11, 2021 is October 9, 2021. However, because October 9, 2021 falls on a Saturday, WLS respectfully requests that the Bureau extend the expiration date of the STA to October 11, 2021.