

## **Statement in Support of CP Extension Request**

The applicant recently retained new communications counsel and has since been working diligently towards completing the engineering work necessary to convert to digital operations prior to the July 13, 2021 deadline for LPTV digital conversion. However, due to economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, financial resources have been stretched to the limit for applicant and acquiring the necessary equipment to complete the conversion as contemplated under the above construction permit may require up to six (6) months additional time (until the end of 2021) for applicant to have sufficient funds to acquire the necessary equipment and complete the work needed to file a license to cover application.

The applicant was not aware of the FCC's Public Notice DA 21-260 (dated March 4, 2021) establishing March 15, 2021 as the deadline to submit these types of extension requests until its new counsel advised it of the same. Applicant respectfully requests a waiver of the March 15, 2021 deadline. Should the FCC require any further information to support this extension request, the applicant will endeavor to provide it as soon as possible.