

Attachment 1

(Request for Extension)

I would like to request an extension on the construction permit for my displaced analog LPTV station WEBU-LD. The reason more time may be needed is due to a tower location problem that has recently transpired.

In May 2018 I filed and received a CP for WEBU because the station was displaced due to the repack auction. To file for the displacement CP I had to locate a tower and channel, which I did. I had an agreement for a very reasonable lease that fit my budget to locate to a tower owned by Cellular South. I already had a good relationship with Cellular South and was told that "when I got ready to locate on the tower, just let them know and a lease agreement would then be drawn up and signed."

Recently, I contacted Cellular South with intention to start the lease process for the tower site. However, I was informed by Cellular South that they no longer had any control over their former tower sites, since they had been recently sold to American Tower. Consequently, since I did not have an agreement signed, I was left with having to deal with American Tower for a lease. I have tried for weeks to acquire a lease from American Tower but they simply want much more than I can afford for a LPTV lease.

At the present time, I am desperately looking for another tower site and I am sure I will find something adequate though it is difficult. Most towers are now owned by big corporations that demand lots of money for tower space. This makes it very hard for sole proprietors in the LPTV industry to survive. However, I am determined to find a site.

Due to the financial hardship this puts on me and the time needed to find a tower site, I would like to request the Commission to grant an extension of 180 days to help allow me time to find a tower, secure a lease, apply for CP modification, and build WEBU-LD.

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