

Request for Silent STA

Hearst Properties Inc. (“Permittee”), licensee/permittee of translator WMUR-LP/WMUR-LD, Littleton, NH, requests authorization to remain silent for at least six months pending construction of the licensee’s digital facility, which was authorized in LMS File No. [0000138003](#).

WMUR-LP’s digital construction permit was granted on June 8, 2021, which makes it impractical—if not impossible—to complete construction of the digital facility by the July 13, 2021, deadline. The Permittee has filed a request for—and been granted—a CP extension (and concomitant waiver). *See* LMS File Number [0000150681](#)). As noted in the CP extension request, the Permittee expects that the digital facility will be completed in first quarter 2022, absent weather and/or supply chain issues. In any event, the Permittee recognizes that it is required to terminate analog operations on or before July 13, 2021, which prompts the instant silent STA request.

Grant of this request is in the public interest because it will authorize silence of the translator for a limited period of time while helping to preserve the Permittee’s authorization to construct a digital facility to (continue to) provide service in an otherwise un/underserved portion of northern New Hampshire with the commercial television programming—including New Hampshire-based news—of co-owned WMUR-TV.

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