

## **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT**

Hispanic Family Christian Network, Inc. (“HFCN”) hereby respectfully requests an extension of its construction permit for its digital TV translator for station K16LD-D, Del Rio, Texas. HFCN also requests a waiver of the March 15, 2021 deadline for digital extension applications set forth in Public Notice: “Media Bureau Reminds Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations of July 13, 2021 Digital Transition Date,” DA 21-260 (rel. March 4, 2021).

This request was not filed earlier due to the fact that LMS for some unknown reason did not list an expiration date for this new permit. This construction will be for a new construction permit to serve Del Rio, Texas. The anticipated construction costs are as follows:

\$15,000 Transmitter

\$7,500 Antenna

\$2,500 Coax

\$2,500 Electrical Work

\$3,000 AC

\$9,500 Installation

Therefore, with incidentals, it is anticipated that since this will be for a regular operation at this time, the total costs to construct will be no more than \$50,000.00. Funding for this project is readily available.

It has been determined that no new zoning approval will be required. This is an existing tower that will be used, so no new construction will be required. A consultant is working with the licensee for the construction. Arrangements already have been made for programming.

The timeline for construction will be as follows:

Arrangements for lease September 2021

Equipment ordered end of September 2021

Equipment order October 2021

Complete necessary electrical work September 2021

Equipment delivered end of November 2021

HFCN respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the construction permit deadline pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Public Notice dated March 4, 2021. Despite HFCN's diligent efforts, build-out of the authorized facility has been delayed due to multiple causes, ranging from competition for resources and supply constraints during repacking, and the ongoing pandemic conditions caused by COVID-19; illness, social distancing, and other pandemic-related precautions have resulted in equipment delivery delays and labor shortages, including the availability of tower crews; an already limited, highly-specialized and thinly-stretched work force necessary to install broadcast antennas and related equipment. In addition, HFCN had multiple analog permits that it was required to construct, which also strained resources. As can be seen in the Commission records, multiple facilities have been constructed and multiple application for licenses to cover have been filed. As a result, many of the HFCN's digital permit have been constructed in a timely manner.

Therefore, the station's digital operations will be constructed well in advance of the January 10, 2022 new deadline that is being requested.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this request be granted.