

## EXTENSION REQUEST

Applicant respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the construction permit deadline for Facility ID: 184547 FRN: 0019866425 pursuant to the procedures set forth in the *Public Notice* dated March 4, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

The underlying construction permit is important to the ability of Applicant to provide access to underserved people in the area of Lumberton, NC. From the studies performed, this newly-built station will support an interference-free population of 73,467.

While 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 our broadcast antennas and related equipment, Applicant has made material efforts to prepare for the buildout of this station. This includes:

- Contracted with American Tower Corporation for the deployment of this station on their site
  - ASR Number 1245295
  - Latitude 34° 31' 49.9" N, Longitude 078° 47' 48.4" W
- Selected a SCA 4DR8S\_REDUCED\_REARAntenna
- Performed TV Studies
- Begun the permitting process

Applicant anticipates completing construction of the facility by December 1, 2021 and is committed to finishing by January 13, 2022 to the extent that the requested additional time is granted.

Applicant submits that a grant of this extension request would serve the public interest by providing additional time for Applicant to complete construction of the authorized facility and bring important television programming service to the viewing public.

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<sup>1</sup> *Media Bureau Reminds Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations of July 13, 2021, Digital Transition Date, Public Notice, DA 21-260 (MB Mar. 4, 2021).*