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In reply refer to: 1800B3-VM

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I n re: K253CM, New Roads, LA
Facility ID. No. 200918
File Nos. BMPFT-20180226AAQ, 0000131235

Tolling Request

Dear Permittee:

On August 6, 2021, we received your request for tolling of the construction deadline for the construction permit for FM translator Station K253CM, New Roads, Louisiana, granted on February 23, 2018 for a three-year term expiring on February 23, 2021, and extended by waiver until August 23, 2021 (Station). As explained below, your request for tolling is granted.

You request tolling because you state your tower consultant, who is essential to the completion of construction, has contracted COVID-19 and cannot participate in the construction of the Station.¹ In support, you include an invoice, dated January 18, 2021, to show that the consultant would be supplying the transmission line as well as the labor to install the antenna. You ask for tolling to allow him to recover and help with completion of construction of the Station.

The Commission previously recognized the hardships you experienced due to COVID-19 by granting a waiver pursuant to the Translator Public Notice, and adding 6 months to the construction permit term for the Station.² However, your tolling request demonstrates that the failure to construct the Station within the additional time period previously granted is due to causes beyond your control.³ We grant tolling for an additional 6 months. The new expiration date is February 23, 2022.

Sincerely,

Albert Shuldiner

Albert Shuldiner
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

¹ In further support of the tolling request, you also indicate that New World Broadcasting's owner, Mr. Roosevelt Gremillion, has had numerous setbacks which have impaired his ability to complete construction. These are not grounds for tolling and have not been considered herein. See 47 CFR § 73.3598(b); see also *1998 Biennial Regulatory Review -- Streamlining of Mass Media Applications, Rules, and Processes*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, MM Docket No. 98-43, 14 FCC Rcd 17525, 17539 (1999) (acknowledging that other factors can cause delay, but holding that, over a three-year term, those delays can be overcome and do not excuse failure to construct).

² *Availability of Construction Deadline Waivers for Certain FM Translator Stations Awarded in Auction 99 and 100*, Public Notice, DA 20-1059 (MB Sept. 10, 2020).

³ See 47 CFR § 73.3598(b).