

Nexstar Inc.
WFNA(TV), Gulf Shores, AL
(Facility ID 83943)

**Request for Extension Special
Temporary Authority**

Nexstar Inc. (“Licensee”), licensee of WFNA(TV), Gulf Shores, Alabama, (Fac. Id. No. 83943), hereby requests an extension Special Temporary Authority that was granted on September 21, 2020 (File No. 0000120978) in connection with WFNA(TV)’s transition to the ATSC 3.0 broadcast transmission standard and related proposal to broadcast WFNA(TV)’s non-primary programming streams (“multicast streams”) in ATSC 1.0 format on WFGX(TV), Fort Walton Beach, Florida (Fac. Id. No. 6554), RF Channel 14, licensed to WFGX Licensee, LLC. WFNA is the 3.0 host for the other broadcast stations in the Mobile/Pensacola DMA (as defined by Nielsen) and simulcasts its primary programming stream in ATSC format on commonly owned station WKRG-TV, Mobile, Alabama (Fac. Id. No. 73187), RF Channel 20. *See* File No. 0000120977.

As noted in the STA, because of ATSC 1.0 capacity constraints, WFNA is not able to air its multicast streams on WKRG-TV, its primary ATSC 1.0 simulcast host. Furthermore, due to ATSC 3.0 capacity and other constraints attendant with the multi-station and multi-market coordination needed for a successful ATSC 3.0 deployment across the country, it is not feasible for Licensee to simulcast WFNA’s multicast streams in an ATSC 3.0 format without unduly minimizing, if not largely eliminating, the benefits to the public and the participating stations of transitioning to ATSC 3.0. Granting this extension would ensure that all over-the-air viewers would continue to receive access to the ATSC 1.0 signals of WFNA’s multicast streams. Licensee reiterates as well that it will remain responsible for these streams’ compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations.

An extension of this STA request will serve the public interest, as it will advance the Commission’s ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving WFNA’s ability to air each of its programming streams in the ATSC 1.0 format to ensure that most of WFNA’s current viewers can continue to receive the programming currently available to them. It will also make clear that WFNA is an authorized user of a portion of WFGX’s channel and is the party responsible for ensuring compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations.¹

¹ Pursuant to the Media Bureau’s request that all ATSC 3.0 licensees formally seek modification or clarification of the of the FCC ATSC rules prior to seeking an extension, Licensee notes and supports the Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Petition for Rulemaking filed by the National Association of Broadcasters on November 9, 2020 in GN Docket No. 16-142.