

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

Manhan Media, Inc. (“Licensee”), licensee of WWHO(TV), Chillicothe, OH (Facility ID 21158), hereby requests extension of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) that was granted on January 5, 2021 (and extended on October 4, 2021) in connection with WWHO(TV)’s launch of ATSC 3.0 broadcast service. *See* File Nos. 0000129747 and 0000158223. On January 7, 2021, Licensee commenced ATSC 3.0 operations from WWHO(TV)’s facility, which serves as the ATSC 3.0 host for stations in the Columbus, OH market, and began simulcasting its primary stream in ATSC 1.0 format on WTTE(TV), Columbus, OH (Facility ID 74137) pursuant to a written hosting agreement with Cunningham Broadcasting Corporation (“Cunningham”). *See* File No. 0000129743. Additionally, Licensee began airing its *Charge!* multicast stream from the facilities of WTTE(TV) pursuant to its written hosting agreement with Cunningham, and began airing its *Comet TV* multicast stream from the facilities of WCMH-TV, Columbus, OH (Facility ID 50781) pursuant to a written hosting agreement with Nexstar Media Inc. This request seeks extension of STA to the extent necessary to allow WWHO(TV) to continue the hosting arrangements for the broadcast of its multicast streams from WTTE(TV)’s and WCMH-TV’s facilities in ATSC 1.0 format.

As explained in Licensee’s original request for STA, WWHO(TV) is not able to air both of its multicast streams on WTTE(TV), its primary ATSC 1.0 simulcast host, due to ATSC 1.0 capacity constraints. 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 WWHO(TV)’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. Absent the arrangements with WTTE(TV) and WCMH-TV, all over-the-air viewers would lose access to an ATSC 1.0 signal of WWHO(TV)’s multicast streams.

As such, Licensee respectfully requests extension of the STA. Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest, because it would advance the Commission’s ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving WWHO(TV)’s ability to air each of its programming streams in ATSC 1.0 format to ensure that most of WWHO(TV)’s viewers can continue to receive the programming currently available to them. It will also continue to make clear that WWHO(TV) is an authorized user of a portion of WTTE(TV)’s and WCMH-TV’s channels and is the party responsible for ensuring compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations.