

Nexstar Media Inc.
WOLP-CD, Grand Rapids, MI
(Fac. ID 167892)

**Request for Special Temporary
Authority**

Nexstar Media Inc. (“Licensee”), licensee of WOLP-CD, Grand Rapids, Michigan (Facility ID 167892) (“WOLP”), hereby requests an extension of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) granted on November 18, 2021 (File No. 0000181518) in connection with the transition of WOLP’s transition to the ATSC 3.0 broadcast transmission standard and related proposal to broadcast WOLP’s non-primary programming streams (“multicast streams”) in ATSC 1.0 format on WWMT(TV), Kalamazoo, Michigan (Fac. ID 74195), RF Channel 8, licensed to WWMT License, LLC, and on WXMI(TV), Grand Rapids, Michigan (Fac. ID 68433), RF Channel 32, licensed to Scripps Broadcasting Holdings, LLC. Licensee requests that for purposes of enforcement and application of its rules, WXSP be treated as if it is airing the multicast streams over WXSP and be the responsible party under the Act and Commission rules and regulations akin to the manner that the Commission treats ATSC 1.0 primary simulcast streams under the Next Gen TV rules.¹

As indicated in Licensee’s WOLP-CD’s Form 2100 application, Licensee has authority to provide ATSC 3.0 operations from the current facilities for WOLP and commonly owned station WXSP-CD, Grand Rapids, Michigan (Fac. ID 36851), which each carry the same exact programming, and (2) simulcast the WOLP primary stream (affiliated with MyNet) in ATSC format on commonly owned station WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids, Michigan (Fac. ID 36838), RF Channel 7.

To minimize the loss of over-the-air programming to its current ATSC 1.0 viewers resulting from the station’s transition to ATSC 3.0, Licensee requests an extension of the STA to allow it to continue broadcast its existing multicast streams as follows:

COZI TV, airing on the .2 stream, to station WXMI(TV), Grand Rapids, Michigan (Fac. ID 68433), RF Channel 32, licensed to Scripps Broadcast Holdings, LLC (“Scripps”);

Court TV Mystery, airing on the .3 stream, to station WWMT(TV), Kalamazoo, Michigan (Fac. ID 74195), RF Channel 8, licensed to WWMT License, LLC (“WWMT”).

As noted in the STA, because of ATSC 1.0 capacity constraints, WOLP is not able to air its multicast streams on WOOD-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 WOLP’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 WOLP’s multicast streams. Licensee reiterates as well that it will remain responsible for these streams’ compliance with the

¹ A request for an extension of Special Temporary Authority is being filed simultaneously herewith for commonly owned station WXSP-CD, Grand Rapids, MI (Facility ID 36851), which carries the same programming as WOLP-CD.

Communications Act and the Commission's rules and regulations.

Although Licensee has agreed to indemnify Scripps and WWMT from and against all liabilities or claims resulting from or arising out of the programming and advertising broadcast on Licensee's program streams using the facilities of WWMT and WXMI (as applicable), Licensee is requesting the extension of the STA to make clear that Licensee will remain responsible for the COZI TV and Court TV Mystery streams' compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission's rules and regulations.

An extension of this STA will serve the public interest, as it will advance the Commission's ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving WOLP's ability to air each of its programming streams in the ATSC 1.0 format to ensure that most of WOLP's current viewers can continue to receive the programming currently available to them. It will also make clear that WOLP is an authorized user of a portion of the channels for WWMT and WXMI and is the party responsible for ensuring compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission's rules and regulations and regulations akin to the manner that the Commission treats ATSC 1.0 primary simulcast streams under the Next Gen TV rules.²

² 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.