

Request for Special Temporary Authority

WCWN Licensee, LLC (“Licensee”), licensee of WCWN(TV), Schenectady, NY (Facility ID 73264), hereby requests an extension of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) that was granted on March 24, 2022 in connection with WCWN(TV)’s launch of ATSC 3.0 broadcast service. *See* File No. 0000185805. On March 24, 2022, Licensee commenced ATSC 3.0 operations from WCWN(TV)’s current facility, which serves as the ATSC 3.0 host for stations in the Albany, NY market, and began simulcasting its primary stream in ATSC 1.0 format from the facilities of WTEN(TV), Albany, NY (Facility ID 74422), pursuant to Licensee’s Next Generation license (*see* File No. 0000185804) and a written hosting agreement with Nexstar Media Inc. Additionally, Licensee began airing its *Charge!* and *Stadium* multicast streams in 1.0 format from the facilities of commonly owned WRGB(TV), Schenectady, NY (Facility ID 73942), WRGB Licensee, LLC. This request seeks an extension of STA to allow WCWN(TV) to continue the hosting arrangement for its multicast streams affiliated with *Charge!* and *Stadium* from the facilities of commonly owned WRGB(TV) in ATSC 1.0 format.

As indicated in Licensee’s original request for STA, WCWN(TV) is not able to air its multicast streams on WTEN(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 WCWN(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 an extension of STA authorizing WCWN(TV) to air its multicast streams in ATSC 3.0 format from the facilities of WRGB(TV), all over-the-air viewers would lose access to WCWN(TV)’s multicast streams. Although Licensee and the licensee of WRGB(TV) are ultimately commonly controlled, Licensee is requesting extension of the STA to make clear that Licensee is an authorized user of a portion of WRGB(TV)’s channel and will remain responsible for the *Charge!* and *Stadium* streams’ compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations.

As such, Licensee respectfully requests an extension of the STA. Grant of this STA extension would serve the public interest because it would advance the Commission’s ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving WCWN(TV)’s ability to air its multicast programming stream in ATSC 1.0 and ensure access to the programming currently received for over-the-air viewers. It will also continue to make clear that WCWN(TV) is an authorized user of a portion of WRGB(TV)’s channel and is the party responsible for ensuring compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations.