

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

WSOC Television, LLC (“CMG”), licensee of WAXN-TV, Kannapolis, North Carolina, hereby requests extension of its Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to allow its ATSC 1.0 multicast programming streams to continue to be hosted on other stations in the Charlotte, North Carolina market. CMG certifies that the channel plan in the market has not changed since the original STA request was granted and CMG further certifies that will continue to abide by all conditions and commitments made in the underlying grant.

WAXN currently serves as an ATSC 3.0 lighthouse station. WAXN has transitioned its primary ATSC 1.0 independent programming to WBTV(TV), owned by Gray Television Licensee, LLC. Additionally, to ensure no loss of over-the-air programming to the public, CMG transitioned WAXN’s three secondary/multicast program streams to two other stations in the market. Specifically, CMG has moved two of WAXN’s ATSC 1.0 subchannels – 64.2 Get TV and 64.3 Court TV Mystery – to WAXN’s sister station, co-owned WSOC-TV, Charlotte, North Carolina. The third WAXN ATSC 1.0 subchannel – 64.4 Laff – has moved to WCNC(TV), Charlotte, North Carolina, which is owned by TEGNA, Inc.

The hosting arrangements with WSOC and WCNC serve the public interest by enabling over-the-air viewers to continue to have access to WAXN’s multicast streams. Absent the arrangements with WSOC and WCNC, over-the-air viewers would lose access to WAXN’s multicast streams. Additionally, the arrangement preserves access to those WAXN multicast streams for viewers who are receiving them via MVPDs. CMG has and will continue to coordinate with the MVPDs that carry the WAXN multicast streams to ensure they continue to receive a good quality signal, whether that be over the air or via an alternative delivery method (for example, a direct fiber feed).

CMG respectfully requests grant of this extension of STA request to broadcast the WAXN ATSC 1.0 multicast streams on host stations as described above. Grant of this STA extension will serve the public interest, as it will advance the Commission’s ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving WAXN’s ability to air each of its programming streams in the ATSC 1.0 format.