

Nexstar Media Inc.
KSHV-TV, Shreveport, LA
(Fac. ID 73706)

**Request for Extension Special
Temporary Authority**

Nexstar Media Inc. (“Licensee”), licensee of KSHV-TV, Shreveport, Louisiana, RF Channel 16 (Fac. ID 73706), hereby requests an extension of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”), granted on December 30, 2022 (File No. 0000205698) in connection with the transition of KSHV’s transition to the ATSC 3.0 broadcast transmission standard and related proposal to broadcast KSHV’s non-primary programming streams (“multicast streams”) in ATSC 1.0 format as follows:

(a) 16.2 Court TV Mystery and 16.3 ION programming to KTAL-TV, Texarkana, Texas (Fac. ID 35648), RF Channel 26, licensed to Licensee; and

(b) 16.4 Quest programming to KSLA(TV), Shreveport, Louisiana (FAC. ID 70482), RF Channel 23, licensed to Gray Television Licensee, LLC.

Licensee requests that for purposes of enforcement and application of its rules, KSHV be treated as if it is airing the multicast streams over KSHV and be the responsible party under the Communications 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.

As indicated in Licensee’s KSHV’s Form 2100 application, Licensee has authority to provide ATSC 3.0 operations from the current KSHV facilities and (2) simulcast the KSHV primary stream (affiliated with MyNet) in ATSC 1.0 format on KMSS-TV, Shreveport, Louisiana (Fac. ID 12525), RF Channel 34, licensed to Mission Broadcasting, Inc. 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 to broadcast its multicast streams as set forth herein.

As noted in the STA, because of ATSC 1.0 capacity constraints, KSHV is not able to air its multicast streams on KMSS-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 KSHV’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 KSHV’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.

Although Licensee has agreed to indemnify Gray 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 KSLA, Licensee is requesting the extension of the STA to make clear that Licensee will remain responsible for the Court TV Mystery, ION and Quest 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 KSHV's ability to air each of its programming streams in the ATSC 1.0 format to ensure that most of KSHV's current viewers can continue to receive the programming currently available to them. It will also make clear that KSHB is an authorized user of a portion of the channels for KTAL-TV and KSLA 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.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.