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WXDT-LD
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Request for Extension of Time and Waiver

Guenter Marksteiner (“Licensee”), licensee of low power television station WXDT-LD, Naples, Florida (“WXDT” or “Station”), hereby respectfully requests an extension of time to construct the facility contained in this application for a period of 180 days.

The Licensee lost the Station’s licensed site and has not been able to specify it for the Station’s digital flashcut facility. The Licensee recently learned that an aperture is available to it on the tower utilized by sister station WZDT-LD. Accordingly, the Licensee seeks herein a digital flashcut construction permit.

Inasmuch as the Station did not believe it had an option such as this available to it, it is unable to construct prior to the July 13, 2021 deadline. Moreover, it was unable request additional time at an earlier date.

As the Commission is aware, LPTV licensees involved in the instant repack of stations have faced hardships such as competition for tower crews from larger more lucrative installation jobs, and labor and supply shortages for which they also lose out to larger players, all of which have been amplified by Covid conditions. For the Licensee, the cash flow demands of constructing multiple stations during the financial downturn caused by the pandemic add reliance on receipt of reimbursement funds and navigating the reimbursement process as an even larger hurdle.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Station be granted an extension of its Construction Permit until January 2022.