

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

TV Translator W25FP-D, Young Harris, GA (Facility ID 23945)

Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission (“GPTC”), licensee of TV Translator W25FP-D, Young Harris, Georgia, respectfully requests extension of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to maintain the ongoing reduced power operation of W25FP-D. GPTC filed its request for Engineering STA in LMS File No. 193538; the application was granted and STA is set to expire on October 13, 2023.

On October 4, 2021, GPTC applied to modify W25FP-D’s license to move to a new site because the facility’s previous location was being opened to the public, which would result in impermissible radio frequency radiation. The FCC issued a construction permit¹ and the facility has relocated. However, GPTC has been operating W25FP-D at reduced power since beginning operations at the new site in 2022 because the existing transmitter is not capable of achieving the authorized ERP. As a state entity, GPTC has been exploring the best available options for obtaining a new transmitter, but GPTC needs additional time to work through the options and the state procurement process. If GPTC is unable to obtain a new transmitter to meet the CP expiration date of October 5, 2024, GPTC will seek to modify the construction permit to reduce the authorized ERP to what the existing transmitter can achieve. Extending STA is therefore needed to operate the facility with reduced power until a new transmitter can be obtained or a CP modification application can be filed.

A grant of extension of the existing STA will serve the public interest by authorizing W25FP-D to maintain uninterrupted operation to its local community until a new transmitter can be obtained or a construction permit modification application can be filed.

GPTC is a governmental entity and is exempt from FCC application fees pursuant to Section 1.1116(f) of the Commission’s Rules.

¹ See LMS File Number 162659.