

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT DEADLINE

LOW POWER TELEVISION STATION WDRF-LD

COLUMBIA, SC

DTV America Corporation (DTV America) is the licensee of low-power digital television station WDRF-LD, Columbia, SC (FCC Facility ID 181846). WDRF-LD holds a granted, active construction permit set to expire on August 13, 2018.¹ DTV America respectfully requests a six-month extension of the construction permit deadline.

Unique circumstances support this request. DTV America is operating in a resource-constrained environment due to the ongoing 600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process. Station owners seeking to build new broadcast facilities currently have access to far fewer resources than they would have otherwise, a factor that the FCC and its bureaus acknowledged could become an issue when designing the post-auction repacking process to facilitate this “once-in-lifetime opportunity to expand the benefits of mobile wireless coverage.”²

DTV America recently came under new ownership and new management is actively working to construct WDRF-LD’s modified facilities. In preparation of construction, equipment has been purchased to facilitate the process. Neither WDRF-LD’s current license, nor its granted construction permit will be displaced through the post-600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process. DTV America intends to deploy service over WDRF-LD’s modified facilities as quickly as possible but may need a short amount of additional time beyond the current construction permit deadline to complete deployment.

For these reasons, DTV America respectfully requests that the Commission extend WDRF-LD’s construction permit deadline to February 13, 2019.

¹ See WDRF-LD, Amendment to a Modification of a Licensed Facility for LPTV Station Application, File No. 000004328 (granted August 13, 2015).

² See, e.g., *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice et al.*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786 (MB 2017) (“*Channel Reassignment PN*”); *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6597 ¶ 3 (2014).