Request for Extension of Engineering Special Temporary Authority for WNBC

WNBC, New York, New York (FIN 47535) hereby respectfully requests an extension of the engineering special temporary authority initially granted by the FCC on May 11, 2018, which authorizes WNBC to operate at reduced power utilizing a non-directional antenna installed at One World Trade Center ("1WTC") at 530.4 meters AMSL with an effective radiated power of 340 kW (File No. 0000053022) ("WNBC Upper Antenna STA").

WNBC is licensed as a channel sharee station (File No. 0000049872) with commonly owned sharer station WNJU, Linden, New Jersey (FIN 73333) File No. 0000049867).

WNJU, the sharer station, is currently operating at reduced power utilizing a non-directional antenna installed at 1WTC at 530.4 meters AMSL with an effective radiated power of 340 kW, pursuant to special temporary authority (File No. 0000022605, most recently extended to April 2, 2019 by 0000060306)("WNJU Upper Antenna STA"). WNJU also has a granted construction permit authorizing construction of its post-auction channel 35 facilities at 1WTC with a non-directional antenna, a maximum effective radiated power of 575 kW and a radiation center AMSL of 506.0 meters (File No. 0000034541).

The instant request for extension of the WNBC Upper Antenna STA seeks continued authority for WNBC to operate with the same facilities specified in the WNJU Upper Antenna STA. (WNBC is in the process of preparing a construction permit application to specify the sharer's station's post-auction channel 35 facilities.) The plan is for WNBC and WNJU to relocate to the lower antenna at 1WTC to accommodate the addition of co-tenants on the master antenna system. Although WNBC has been advised that the installation of the lower antenna at 1WTC is nearing completion, WNBC will need to continue to operate with the WNBC Upper Antenna STA facilities a few months longer until installation and testing of the lower antenna can be completed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the FCC grant the instant request for extension of the WNBC Upper Antenna STA so that WNBC may continue to serve its viewers while it coordinates with the co-tenants of the master antenna system at 1WTC during this post-auction repack transition period.