

Request for Extension of WEMT Construction Permit (File No. 0000034887)

Tri-Cities (WEMT-TV) Licensee, Inc. (“WEMT”), licensee of digital television broadcast station WEMT, Greeneville, TN (the “Station”), hereby requests a brief extension of its post-auction construction permit for Channel 28 (*See* File No. 0000034887). In this case, one of WEMT’s antenna input transmission line pieces needs to be replaced. WEMT plans to transition to its post-auction station at 50 percent power.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3700(b)(5), the Media Bureau has the authority to provide an extension of the construction deadline for up to six months if the reassigned station encounters circumstances that include weather delays, construction delays, tower lease disputes, unusual technical challenges and permitting and zoning delays.

To the extent necessary, WEMT also respectfully requests a waiver of the Commission’s requirement that requests for extension of post-auction construction deadlines be submitted 90 days prior to the existing construction permit deadline. In an abundance of caution, WEMT respectfully requests a one-month extension of the post-auction construction permit until Monday, May 13, 2019. Grant of this waiver request and the extension of the construction permit would be in the public interest as it would allow the Station to operate at lower power until WEMT completes the Station’s post-auction facility.