

Request for Extension of WPXU-TV Construction Permit

ION Media Jacksonville License, Inc. ("ION"), licensee of WPXU-TV, Jacksonville, North Carolina (FCC Facility ID No. 37971), hereby requests an extension of time to complete construction of its post-auction channel facilities at its permanent location. See 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).

WPXU-TV has a Construction Permit for its post-repack operations (FCC LMS File No. 0000072136). While WPXU-TV had intended to transition to its post-auction channel during Phase 5, WPXU-TV has experienced equipment delays and technical construction challenges which have resulted in significant repack construction delays. Thus, insufficient time will remain prior to the Phase 5 deadline to complete the extensive reconstruction required at WPXU-TV's post-repack facility.

The best available option for WPXU-TV to have a functional post-transition transmitter facility as of the Phase 5 Completion Date is to operate on its post-auction channel from an interim antenna.¹ ION proposes to install a side-mount interim antenna at its primary tower site and configure it to operate on WPXU-TV's post-auction channel. WPXU-TV will continue operating on its post-auction channel from the interim antenna until the main antenna is installed and made operational during the repack construction period.

Therefore, due to the unanticipated project delays explained above, that are no fault of WPXU-TV, ION respectfully seeks a 180-day Construction Permit extension. ION will transition to its post-auction channel on time, during Phase 5, but it will do so on an interim antenna. Accordingly, ION requests more time to complete construction of its primary post-auction repack facilities.

¹ ION will file a request for STA to operate on its post-auction channel from the interim facility.