Request for Special Temporary Authority
WPXW-TV – Manassas, Virginia
Facility ID: 74091

ION Media Washington License, Inc. ("ION"), licensee of television station WPXW-TV, Manassas, Virginia (FCC Facility ID No. 74091), hereby requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for WPXW-TV to operate on its post-auction channel, Channel 35, utilizing an interim antenna and transmitter (the "Interim Equipment"). WPXW-TV has been reassigned to Channel 35 in the incentive auction's repacking process and assigned to Transition Phase 4 of the repack with a Phase Completion Date of August 2, 2019.

WPXW-TV has a Construction Permit for its post-repack operations (FCC LMS File No. 0000068032). While WPXW-TV plans to transition to its post-auction channel during Phase 4, WPXW-TV has experienced significant delays in permitting and tower modifications during the construction of the repack project. Thus, insufficient time will remain to complete the extensive reconstruction required at WPXW-TV's post-repack facility by the Phase 4 deadline of August 2, 2019.

Accordingly, WPXW-TV hereby requests STA to move to the Interim Equipment on its post-auction channel. On its transition date, currently planned for August 2, 2019, WPXW-TV will operate using the Interim Equipment on its post-auction channel and will continue to operate on the Interim Equipment until the main antenna and transmitter for WPXW-TV are installed and made operational. *See* attached Engineering Exhibit. WPXW-TV has filed an Extension of a Construction Permit for its permanent post-auction facilities (FCC LMS File No. 0000072540).

Due to the significant tower modification delays explained above, ION respectfully seeks STA to transition to Channel 35 with the Interim Equipment during its assigned Phase 4 while it completes construction of its primary post-auction facility. Grant of this request for STA will serve the public interest by allowing WPXW-TV to timely transition to its post-auction Channel 35 while the main antenna and transmitter installation is being completed.