

EXPLANATION OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

This STA was originally granted on September 13, 2017 in accordance with FCC policy due to WLCF's receipt of a 120-day displacement notice from T-Mobile, requiring WLCF to cease operating on its prior channel by October 31, 2017.¹ WLCF ceased operating on its original channel 45, and commenced operations on the STA channel 21 at that time. Earlier this year, an extension of the channel 21 STA until September 13, 2018 was requested and granted, and WLCF continues to operate on channel 21 as of this filing.

As part of the FCC's Post-Incentive Auction Special LPTV/TV Translator Displacement Filing Window, WLCF successfully filed for and the FCC has now granted a displacement construction permit for WLCF's ultimately desired channel 17 (File No. 0000029606). For the prior extension, the channel 17 antenna had been ordered but delivery was 2-3 months after the STA extension expiration. WLCF was ready to transition to channel 17 well before its existing channel 21 STA expires on 9/17/19. In the course of the preparatory work on the new antenna at the tower site, WLCF became aware that WAND, a full power Decatur station, was given a double transition and is temporarily now on channel 17 until it completes its final phase 7 transition from channel 17 to 20. WAND therefore cannot transition until after the current WLCF channel 21 STA expires.

To avoid a loss of service to the public, WLCF requests an extension of this STA for an additional six (6) months to complete the transition to its newly authorized channel 17 facilities.

¹ See *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Set Forth Tools Available to LPTV/Translator Stations Displaced Prior to the Special Displacement Window*, Public Notice, DA 17-584 (released June 14, 2017)