

## **Request for Extension of WCPO-TV Construction Permit (LMS File No. 0000034668)**

Scripps Broadcasting Holdings LLC (Scripps), licensee of digital television broadcast station WCPO-TV located at Cincinnati, OH (Facility ID No. 59438), respectfully requests an extension of the WCPO-TV post-auction construction permit for Channel 26 (LMS File No. 0000034668). WCPO-TV had been on track to complete construction of its new, main Ch. 26 facility by October 18, 2019 and had planned to begin operating with its new channel on that date; however, when the transmitter installation crew began the process of installing the new Ch. 26 transmitter, it discovered that several filters were damaged. The transmitter manufacturer, in coordination with the filter manufacturer, are working as fast as they can to provide replacement filters, but it is not yet known if this will occur before the mandatory Phase 6 transition date of October 18, 2019.

WCPO-TV has a working auxiliary transmitter on-site that is already tuned to Ch. 26. Since WCPO-TV has been notifying the public that it plans to transition on October 18, 2019, WCPO-TV intends to have the auxiliary transmitter routed to the new, main top-mounted antenna by before the transition date. WCPO, along with the filing of the request for a CP extension, plans to file a request for Special Temporary Authority to operate on Ch. 26 with its auxiliary/interim transmitter and main antenna since WCPO-TV will likely not be able to meet the October 18, 2019 construction permit deadline due to the unexpected delay in transmitter installation.

WCPO-TV, therefore, respectfully requests an additional one hundred and eighty days, or until April 15, 2020, to complete the construction of the facility specified in its construction permit. To the extent necessary, WCPO-TV also respectfully requests a waiver of the Commission's requirement that the request for extension of post-auction construction deadlines be submitted ninety days prior to the existing construction permit deadline. Grant of the extension and waiver request would be in the public interest as it would facilitate the WCPO-TV move to its new post-auction facility without impacting the repack schedule since WCPO-TV plans to already be operating on its post-auction channel by the October 18, 2019 deadline.