

## **Request for Special Temporary Authority**

### **KSPX-TV – Sacramento, California**

Facility ID: 52953

ION Media Sacramento License, Inc. ("ION"), licensee of television station KSPX-TV, Sacramento, California (FCC Facility ID No. 52953), requests special temporary authority ("STA") for KSPX-TV to operate on its pre-auction Channel 48 using a temporary interim antenna. On March 12, 2018, the Commission granted KSPX-TV's request to be assigned to channel 21 for its post-auction operations and modified KSPX-TV's transition phase assignment to Phase 9 with a Phase Completion Date of 5/1/2020. See Modification of Phase Assignment (FCC LMS File No. 0000030649).

ION's tower lease for KSPX-TV expired on August 31, 2019. ION has secured an alternate tower for KSPX-TV's pre- and post- repack operations and has obtained FCC authority to relocate KSPX-TV's transmitter to that tower site. See FCC LMS File No. 0000068563.

ION has previously requested and received Special Temporary Authority to operate on its pre-auction Channel 48 utilizing a temporary side-mount interim antenna and temporary transmitter at the new tower site (FCC LMS File No. 0000079918). KSPX-TV's main transmitter is expected to be completed by Wednesday, November 27, 2019. ION will need to move its pre-auction channel to KSPX-TV's permanent transmitter, and operate at a higher effective radiated power than currently authorized. Grant of this STA will render the previously approved authorization moot.

ION will continue its pre-repack operations utilizing the temporary interim antenna until the main antenna installation for KSPX-TV's post-auction operations is complete. As demonstrated in the attached engineering exhibits, the requested temporary operation complies with the Commission's rules and will not cause unacceptable interference to any broadcast television station.

Grant of this STA for interim operations is in the public interest because it is in furtherance of KSPX-TV's repack transition plan. Given the exigent circumstances caused by ION's loss of access to its tower, the STA will allow KSPX-TV to continue its on-air services to viewers while it completes the transition to its post-auction channel by the Phase 9 deadline. Thus, ION respectfully requests prompt processing and grant of this STA.