

## **Request for Special Temporary Authority**

### **WXPX-TV – Bradenton, Florida**

Facility ID: 6601

ION Media License Company, LLC (“ION”), licensee of television station WXPX-TV, Bradenton, Florida (FCC Facility ID No. 6601), hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for WXPX-TV to operate on its post-auction channel utilizing an interim antenna. WXPX-TV has been reassigned to Channel 29 in the incentive auction’s repacking process and assigned to Transition Phase 7 of the repack with a Phase Completion Date of January 17, 2020.

WXPX-TV has a Construction Permit for its post-repack operations (FCC LMS File No. 0000034359). While WXPX-TV intends to transition to its post-auction channel during Phase 7, WXPX-TV has experienced technical and construction delays during the repack process. As a result, insufficient time will remain prior to the Phase 7 deadline to complete all aspects of the work as originally contemplated.

ION has previously requested and received STA to operate on its pre-auction Channel 42 utilizing a temporary side-mount interim antenna at this tower site (FCC LMS File No. 0000087864). Accordingly, ION hereby seeks STA to operate on its post-auction Channel 29 using the same interim antenna. On its transition date, currently planned for January 17, 2020, WXPX-TV plans to retune the interim antenna to its post-auction channel and will continue to operate on its interim antenna, at a reduced effective radiated power of 225 kW, until the main antenna is installed and made operational. See attached Engineering Exhibit. ION has filed an Extension of a Construction Permit for WXPX-TV’s permanent post-auction facilities (FCC LMS File No. 0000096174).

Due to the significant construction delays explained above, ION respectfully seeks STA to transition to its post-auction Channel 29 with an interim antenna during its assigned Phase 7 while the tower modifications are being completed. Grant of this request for STA serves the public interest by allowing WXPX-TV to timely transition to its post-auction Channel 29 while it completes construction of its primary post-auction facility.