

Request for Extension of WXPX-TV Construction Permit

ION Media License Company, LLC (“ION”), licensee of WXPX-TV, Bradenton, Florida (FCC Facility ID No. 6601), hereby requests an extension of time to complete construction of its post-auction channel facilities at its permanent location. See 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹

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.

The best available option for WXPX-TV to have a functional post-transition transmitter facility as of the Phase 7 Completion Date is to operate on its post-auction channel from an interim antenna for a limited period time.² ION has previously requested and received an STA to operate on its pre-auction channel utilizing a temporary side mount antenna (FCC LMS File No. 0000087864). ION plans to retune WXPX-TV’s interim antenna to its post-auction channel, and will continue operating on its post-auction channel from the interim antenna until the main antenna is installed and made operational.

Therefore, due to the unanticipated project delays explained above, ION respectfully seeks a 45-day Construction Permit extension. ION will transition to its post-auction channel on time, during Phase 7, but it will do so on an interim antenna. Accordingly, ION requests more time to complete construction of its primary post-auction repack facilities.

¹ ION acknowledges that this request has not been filed 90-days before its current construction deadline. Accordingly, to the extent necessary, ION requests waiver of the 90-day deadline found in 47 C.F.R. Section 3700(b)(5)(iv) for filing this extension request.

² ION will file a request for STA to operate on its post-auction channel from the interim facility.