

Request for Extension of WPXD-TV Construction Permit

ION Media License Company, LLC ("ION"), licensee of WPXD-TV, Ann Arbor, Michigan (FCC Facility ID No. 5800), 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

WPXD-TV has a Construction Permit for its post-repack operations (FCC LMS File No. 0000034355). While WPXD-TV had intended to transition to its post-auction Channel 24 during Phase 8, WPXD-TV has recently experienced construction scheduling delays during the repack process. As a result, insufficient time remains prior to the Phase 8 deadline to complete all aspects of the work as originally contemplated.

The best available option for WPXD-TV to have a functional post-transition transmitter facility as of the Phase 8 Completion Date is to operate on its post-auction channel from an interim antenna.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. 0000090678). ION plans to retune WPXD-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, that are no fault of WPXD-TV, ION respectfully seeks a 180-day Construction Permit extension. ION will transition to its post-auction channel on time, during Phase 8, 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 73.3700(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.