

POST-AUCTION CONSTRUCTION PERMIT EXTENSION REQUEST JUSTIFICATION

Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., the licensee of WJBF, Augusta, Georgia, Facility ID 27140, respectfully requests an extension of its post-auction construction permit for Channel 28 (0000028403). WJBF is currently operating on its licensed pre-auction Channel 42 and shall timely transition to its assigned post-auction Channel 28 utilizing interim facilities under the authorization of a post-auction Engineering STA on the March 13, 2020 Phase 8 deadline.

As disclosed in timely filed FCC Form 387 Transition Plan Progress Reports, the WJBF-D28 post-auction buildout is experiencing delays due to various uncontrollable issues in the field ranging from weather, equipment availability and crew availability. Accordingly, Nexstar is concurrently seeking Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate an interim facility on post-auction Channel 28 in order to vacate its pre-auction Channel 42 to meet the station’s assigned Phase 8 deadline.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3700(b)(5), the Media Bureau has the authority to provide an extension of the construction deadline for up to six months if the reassigned station encounters circumstances that include weather delays, construction delays, tower lease disputes, unusual technical challenges and permitting and zoning delays. As disclosed above, and due to required changes to the post-auction facility, Nexstar is now subject to unavoidable construction delays. Accordingly, Nexstar hereby respectfully requests an extension of its post-auction construction permit until September 13, 2020 (6 months).

WAIVER REQUEST

To the extent necessary, Nexstar also requests a waiver of §73.3700(b)(5)(iv) of the FCC rules requiring post-auction construction permit extensions to be filed no less than 90 days before the expiration of the construction permit. Nexstar has made every effort to meet the assigned Phase Eight transition deadline with its post-auction primary facility; however, based on recent circumstances, it was determined that the required tower

modifications and installation of the post-auction primary antenna would be significantly delayed. Granting this waiver request and the post-auction construction permit extension would be in the public interest as it would allow the orderly transition of the station from its pre-auction channel to its post-auction channel by the transition deadline while still allowing the station to remain on the air while Nexstar completes the build-out for the WJBF main post-auction facility.

CERTIFICATION

This technical statement was prepared by William T. Godfrey, Jr., Engineering Associate with the firm Kessler and Gehman Associates, Inc. having offices in Gainesville, Florida, and has been working with the firm in the field of radio and television broadcast consulting since 1998. Mr. Godfrey was a graduate from the University of North Florida and a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Florida. As a Professional in the field of Telecommunications he states under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



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