

**EXHIBIT IN SUPPORT OF
FURTHER EXTENSION OF ENGINEERING STA**

LR Telecasting LLC is the licensee of repack station KMYA-DT, Camden, Arkansas. Pursuant to Special Temporary Authority, the Station has been operating at reduced power since it vacated its pre-auction channel. The current STA expiration date is May 31, 2020.

The temporary authority originally had been necessary because unforeseeable delays in the delivery of the Station's main transmitter prevented the complete build-out of the facility at the parameters specified in its post-auction authorization. As the Commission is aware, construction of the post-repack facility was *in fact completed* in December 2019. The station could not be activated and a covering license application filed, however, because anomalous voltage readings raised a safety concern. In due course it was determined that these electrical anomalies resulted from an incompatibility between the electrical configuration of the power pole transformers and the configuration that the new transmitter requires in order to operate properly. The solution was to replace the legacy transformers.

The transformers are owned by Entergy, the local electric utility. Therefore, it was necessary for LRT to enter into an arrangement, termed by Entergy an *Agreement to Change Existing Facilities*, whereby Entergy would install the updated equipment for a fee paid by LRT. The paperwork to initiate that project was begun in late December 2019. As we apprised the Bureau in our previous STA extension request, however, the Entergy personnel working on this matter suddenly stopped communicating. Numerous attempts by LRT to motivate their re-engagement were unsuccessful. At the end of the day, the only explanation LRT could fathom was that Entergy, in the exercise of its prerogative as a monopoly utility, simply decided to turn its attention elsewhere. On the basis of these circumstances, the Bureau granted LRT's request for extension of the STA to May 31.

LRT's efforts to revivify the project continued to be unsuccessful. We assumed, moreover, that the inefficacy of those efforts was being exacerbated by the exigencies created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this week, counsel for LRT sent yet another email to one of Entergy's senior officers, imploring her assistance. Late yesterday (May 14) we received the following email from the Entergy engineer with whom LRT had originally worked last December:

Mr. Maines,

I am the Entergy engineering representative handling the project to convert voltage at the telecasting tower located near El Dorado, AR. During the "shuffle" to move office personnel to work from home due to COVID 19 directives, I lost all contact information for your group. If you would kindly provide a contact who might help me to complete the accounting for this conversion, **I will do my best to expedite this project. I have the work order completed and the local construction department is prepared to work this conversion ASAP.** I deeply apologize for the delay and for the problems this has caused your organization.

Sincerely,

[Name redacted]¹
Senior Engr. Assoc.
El Dorado Design Office
Entergy Arkansas LLC

¹ We have redacted this individual's name to avoid embarrassment to him. Should the staff wish to see the original email we are happy to provide it.

Although the explanation for Entergy's months of silence is not completely revealed in the email, it is reasonable to believe that the project is finally back on track. We trust the correspondent's representations as to Entergy's disposition to move quickly. Based on the schedule in play when the project was being planned last December, we are confident that the work will be completed in well under 90 days.

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On these grounds we respectfully ask that LRT's current Engineering STA be extended to August 31, 2020. Contemporaneous with the instant submission, LRT has filed a request for further tolling of the construction permit's expiration date (LMS File No. 0027379551), also to August 31.