Request for Extension of Construction Permit and Waiver of Extension Deadline
WNPT Facility ID 41398

Nashville Public Television, Inc., licensee of WNPT, Nashville, Tennessee, Facility ID 41398 (the "Station"), holds a Construction Permit ("CP") (File No. 0000028116), authorizing construction of its post-auction facilities, which currently is set to expire on the Phase 10 deadline of July 3, 2020. As detailed below, the Station expects that it will not be able to meet this build-out deadline and, therefore, requests a roughly two-month extension of the CP deadline until September 3, 2020. The Station further requests a waiver of the deadline by which to seek an extension of its CP.

The Station expects that it will be unable to meet its Phase 10 deadline because of construction delays. The Station's transition requires construction and installation of a new antenna. However, the Station's vendor recently informed it that this work will not be completed by the Phase 10 deadline, as the vendor needs a few more weeks to complete installation of the antenna. While the Station anticipates being able to build-out its facilities in the next 30 days and return to full-power service as soon as the new antenna is fully operational, the Station hereby requests a two-month extension of its CP, allowing it additional time to build-out its post-transition facilities.[1]

Relatedly, the Station was unable to request the instant CP extension prior to the deadline for doing so because it learned of the construction delay after the deadline had passed. Therefore, grant of the requested for waiver would be squarely within the Commission's policies as circumstances outside of the Station's control prevented the Station from seeking the CP extension by the applicable deadline.[2] Moreover, the proposed waiver serves the public interest by enabling the Station to seek and obtain an extension of its CP—thereby avoiding unnecessary disruption to viewers in the market.

[1] As detailed in the concurrently filed request for special temporary authority, the Station intends to transition to its new channel by the Phase 10 deadline using a low-power auxiliary transmitter.

[2] *See Northeast Cellular Tel. Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990); *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153, 1159 (D.C. Cir. 1969).