

Request for Extension of Post-Auction Construction Permit

Mission Broadcasting, Inc. (“Mission”), the licensee of WVNY(TV), Burlington, Vermont, FAC ID 11259, respectfully requests an extension of its post-auction construction permit for Channel 7. See LMS File No. 0000029889. WVNY(TV) is slated to transition to its post-auction Channel 7 in Phase 10 (by/before July 3, 2020).

As the Media Bureau is aware, WVNY(TV)’s post-transition (final) antenna has not yet been installed due to equipment and rigging delays.

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, Mission has been subject to unavoidable delays which then create further construction delays. Accordingly, Mission respectfully requests an extension of its post-transition construction permit until December 30, 2020.

To the extent necessary, Mission also requests a waiver of the Commission’s requirement that requests for extension of post-auction construction deadlines be submitted 90 days prior to the existing construction permit deadline. Mission has made every effort to meet the Phase 10 transition deadline but only recently determined that the antenna installation would be significantly delayed until after July 3, 2020. Grant of this waiver request and the extension of the CP would be in the public interest as it would allow the station to remain on the air while Mission completes the WVNY(TV) post-transition facility.