

## **Request for Extension of Post-Auction Construction Permit**

KTKA Television, LLC (“KTLLC”), the licensee of KTKA-TV, Topeka, Kansas, FAC ID 49397, respectfully requests an extension of its post-auction construction permit for Channel 16. See LMS File No. 0000034844. KTKA-TV, originally slated to transition to its post-auction channel 16 in Phase 8 (by/before March 13, 2020) and later delayed until Phase 10 (by/before July 3, 2020) due to complications related to the COVID 19 pandemic, is operating on its pre-auction Channel 49 and is prepared to transition to its post-auction Channel 16, using interim facilities, at the conclusion of Phase 10 on July 3, 2020.

As the Media Bureau is aware, the KTKA-TV post-transition (final) antenna has not yet been installed due to equipment and rigging delays. Consequently, KTLLC is concurrently seeking temporary authority to operate with interim facilities in order to vacate its pre-auction Channel 49. See STA Request LMS File No. 0000116652, which remains pending.

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

To the extent necessary, KTLLC 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. KTLLC 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 KTLLC completes the KTKA-TV post-transition facility.