

## EXPLANATION FOR CP EXTENSION REQUEST

Pursuant to FCC Public Notice, DA-20-724, released July 13, 2020<sup>1</sup>, Spectrum Evolution, Inc., permittee of the instant low power television construction permit, hereby requests a six month extension of time to complete construction of the facility.

In support of its request, the permittee indicates notes that the current channel of the CP is out of core (*i.e.* Channel 37 or higher). The Permittee continues to conduct studies for a usable in-core channel. The Permittee is in the process of undertaking the necessary studies.

More generally, the Permittee has made good faith efforts regarding the formulation of business for all of its CPS including but not limited to (i) having performed a complete analysis of all of its CP's using the services of Telemon to verify the availability of antenna site space, determine possible optimization of coverage considering the potential of Single Frequency Network deployments and to engage them as a contractor for construction of the facilities; (ii) dialogs with and receipt of initial quotations concerning the provision of transmission hardware for its CP's from Anywave; (iii) received a number of transmitters, ATSC 3.0 Exciters, Encoders and Gap Fillers from Anywave, for evaluation; (iv) discussion with Rhode & Schwarz to provide transmission hardware; and (v) engaged in multiple dialogs with, and provided initial testing facilities for two different companies interested in working with the permittee to facilitate both connected car services and broadcast internet applications; and (vi) efforts to raise funds to create a next generation business opportunities.

Despite all of these efforts, the permittee has encountered significant obstacles to moving forward to complete implementation of its CPs. The FCC's spectrum auction heavily restricted access to capital and constrained access to/availability of transmission equipment, engineering services, tower crews and construction services. This was compounded dramatically by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic, which resulted in closed business, plants and storage facilities, also hindered meetings and negotiations for equipment and implementation planning.

Despite its inability to complete construction by the CP expiration, Spectrum Evolution has forged ahead in good faith. It has been hindered by events and circumstances beyond its control, it respectfully requests a six month extension of its construction permit until January 13, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> This Public Notice reminded Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations of July 13, 2021 Digital Transition Date. In that Public Notice (the "Reminder PN"), the FCC also provided, in part, "In addition to ceasing analog operations by the digital transition date, transitioning LPTV/translator stations that experience delays in completing their digital facilities may seek one last extension of time of their digital construction permits, of not more than 180 days, to be filed no later than March 13, 2021, which is four months prior to the July 13, 2021, transition date.