

EXPLANATION FOR CP EXTENSION REQUEST

Pursuant to FCC Public Notice, DA-20-724, released July 13, 2020¹, Syncom Media Group, Inc. (“Syncom”), 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 that good faith efforts have been made to complete implementation of its CPs but as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Syncom’s sole shareholder, Christopher Blair, who participates directly on site in the construction and implementation of Syncom’s facilities, has not been able to travel to the sites due to pandemic precautions generally and due to personal medical conditions specifically, nor find crews willing to travel to the sites during the pandemic. Syncom has encountered significant delays in manufacture and delivery of equipment needed for the implementation due to COVID shutdowns. The equipment for the build of this station has now been secured. Delays have been compounded by the need to decide whether to implement as ATSC 1.0 or 3.0 since the cost of implementing in 1.0 and then upgrading to 3.0 equipment several years down the road is cost prohibitive.

The FCC’s spectrum auction also heavily restricted access to capital and constrained access to/availability of transmission equipment, engineering services, tower crews and construction services.

Despite its inability to complete construction by the CP expiration, Syncom continues to move forward 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.

¹ 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.