

## **EXTENSION REQUEST**

Applicant respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the construction permit deadline pursuant to the procedures set forth in the *Public Notice* dated March 4, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

Despite Applicant's diligent efforts, buildout of the authorized facility has been delayed due to multiple causes, from internal restructuring, to competition for resources and supply constraints during repacking, and the ongoing pandemic conditions caused by COVID-19. Illness, social distancing, and other pandemic-related precautions have resulted in equipment delivery delays and labor shortages, including the availability of tower crews, an already limited, highly-specialized and thinly-stretched work force necessary to install broadcast antennas and related equipment.

In addition, the underlying construction permit is in the process of being sold to another entity, SagamoreHill of Kansas City Licenses, LLC ("SagamoreHill"). Applications for assignment of the construction permit and related permits are currently being prepared and will be submitted to the Commission shortly. In order to provide the parties with sufficient time to complete the assignment transaction, and for SagamoreHill to complete construction of the authorized facility upon consummation of the proposed transaction, additional time is needed.

Following consummation, Sagamore Hill fully intends to complete construction of the instant construction permit along with all other unbuilt construction permits included in the sale agreement with Applicant. Sagamore Hill will be filing engineering modifications with the Commission quickly and will undertake the buildout of the construction permits throughout the third and fourth quarters of 2021. SagamoreHill will complete all of the station builds before the January 2022 expiration date. If additional confirmation is needed, Applicant and Buyer agree to provide further information in an amendment to the assignment application.

Applicant submits that a grant of this extension request would serve the public interest by providing additional time for the Buyer to complete construction of the authorized facility and bring important television programming service to the viewing public.

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<sup>1</sup> *Media Bureau Reminds Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations of July 13, 2021, Digital Transition Date*, Public Notice, DA 21-260 (MB Mar. 4, 2021).