

EXPLANATION FOR CP EXTENSION REQUEST

Pursuant to FCC *Public Notice*, DA-21-260, released March 4, 2021, Tri-State Broadcasting, LLC ("TSBL"), permittee of the instant low power television construction permit, hereby requests a six month extension of time to complete construction of the facility.

In the months since the LPTV freeze was lifted, TSBL has been, in good faith, pursuing efforts to complete construction of its low power television CP. The unforeseen event outside of the licensee's control that has delayed construction has been the COVID-19 pandemic, which delayed or prevented meaningful work from being accomplished, since most equipment suppliers, engineers, and technicians were much less efficient and responsive than they would normally be.

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in financial hardship that was a factor in delay of construction. The downturn in the economy resulting from the pandemic significantly reduced advertising income in 2020 from licensee's other broadcast stations, eliminating the projected funds necessary to meet the requirements for constructing the LPTV CP. However, there has been a recent upturn in advertising, and TSBL now has sufficient funds to do the construction.

In sum, despite its diligent efforts, TSBL believes that it may not be able to complete construction by July 13, 2021. Due to the above described events and circumstances beyond its control, TSBL respectfully requests a 180 day extension of its construction permit.