

## **CP EXTENSION REQUEST EXHIBIT**

The instant application is filed pursuant to FCC Public Notice, DA 21-260, released March 4, 2021, “Media Bureau Reminds Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations of July 13, 2021 Digital Transition Date.” In that Public Notice, the following was, *inter alia*, stated:

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 15, 2021, which is four months prior to the July 13, 2021, transition date. An application for extension of time to construct must include an exhibit demonstrating that failure to meet the construction deadline is due to circumstances that are either unforeseeable or beyond the licensee’s control and that the licensee has taken all reasonable steps to resolve the problem expeditiously. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to: (1) delays in obtaining zoning or other approvals, or similar constraints; (2) inability to obtain equipment; or (3) financial hardship.

Applicant respectfully requests a six-month extension of time within which to construct. At the outset, it should be noted that, due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, an unforeseeable event, it has been a challenge to construct. Applicant’s principal consultant became infected with COVID-19, causing delays. Despite Applicant’s diligent efforts, buildout of the authorized facility has been delayed due to multiple causes, from 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 general, 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.

It therefore is thus urged that an extension of time be granted the requested six (6) month extension, to and including January 13, 2022.