

Request for Tolling of Construction Permit KGLA-DT, Hammond, LA (Facility ID 83945)

Mayavision, Inc., d/b/a Telemundo New Orleans (“Mayavision”), the licensee of Station KGLA-DT, Hammond, Louisiana (Facility ID No. 83945), pursuant to Section 73.3598(b) of the Commission’s rules,¹ respectfully requests a further extension of tolling of the deadline for construction of the Station’s post-auction facilities specified in LMS File No. 0000028477 (the “CP”) in accordance with Section 73.3598(b) of the Commission’s rules. On November 12, 2020, The Commission granted Mayavision’s first request for tolling of the CP.² For the reasons described below, further tolling of the CP is consistent with Commission rules and will further the public interest.

Mayavision seeks tolling of the CP because severe delays caused by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, which only compounded the delays caused by destruction from several hurricanes, have forced crews to evacuate and caused equipment delays. During 2020, local shelter in place orders originally prevented engineers from being able to work on the facilities. After those orders were lessened, the Hammond, Louisiana area was hit especially hard during the hurricane season. At one point, during just a six week period, southwest Louisiana was hit by two massive hurricanes, including the Category 5 Hurricane Laura. Due to the hurricanes and the pandemic, Mayavision’s progress was severely slowed down, and it had to contend with repairing hurricane damage in addition to already limited personnel resources due to the pandemic.

Additionally, Mayavision has suffered the tragic loss of its long-time engineer, Ernie Harvey, in January due to COVID. The loss of Mr. Harvey has also left Mayavision seeking additional help for its engineering needs. However, despite facing these ongoing difficulties from the pandemic, including shipping delays and limited personnel resources, Mayavision has made progress since the grant of the first tolling extension. Specifically, demobilization of the post-auction facilities was just completed in early April.

Tolling of the CP is therefore warranted as the circumstances preventing the construction of the KGLA-DT permanent post-Auction facility are outside of Mayavision’s control.

Moreover, tolling of the CP will not impact the overall transition or cause interference to other stations, as KGLA-DT has permanently ceased pre-auction channel operations and is operating on its post-auction channel, albeit with auxiliary facilities. Mayavision previously sought, and will refile concurrently with this request, a further Engineering STA to allow KGLA-DT to continue this operation.

Tolling will therefore serve the public interest by allowing the station to continue operating until Mayavision can finish the construction of the main facilities. Thus, Mayavision respectfully requests a further tolling of the CP.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 73.3598(b).

² See LMS File No. 0000124947.