

## **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT**

Jennifer Juarez (“Juarez”) hereby respectfully requests an extension of her construction permit for her digital LPTV facility for station this station. Juarez also requests a waiver of the March 15, 2021 deadline for digital extension applications set forth in Public Notice: “Media Bureau Reminds Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations of July 13, 2021 Digital Transition Date,” DA 21-260 (rel. March 4, 2021).

This request was not filed earlier due to the fact that the digit construction permit was just granted on July 9, 2021. The extension request could not be filed earlier. In accordance with procedures dictated by Commission staff, this request for extension is being filed at this time.

Juarez 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. Despite Juarez’s diligent efforts, build-out of the authorized facility has been delayed due to multiple causes, ranging 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 addition, its principal contractor has had multiple analog permits that it was required to construct, which also strained its availability and resources.

Juarez fully intends to complete construction of the instant construction permits along with all other unbuilt construction permits. For three of her stations, Juarez has been awaiting the release of funding from the Repack process, which apparently has been delayed. Nevertheless, Juarez intends to complete all of the station builds before the requested January 2022 expiration date.

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