

W45DX-D, Atlanta, GA, Facility ID# 61199  
Request For Extension of Silent STA and  
Extension of License Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 312(g)

W45DX-D on channel 45 was displaced on July 13, 2020, due to it being on one of the “guardband” channels for the incoming wireless services in the 600 MHz spectrum. It is currently silent under STA # 0000131316.

Ventana Television has worked diligently to return W45DX-D to broadcast operations following displacement. As previously reported, Ventana Television has made considerable progress with plans for rebuilding on channel 13 per its Construction Permit 0000053166 but so far has been unable to complete the project.

Unfortunately, it now appears that Ventana Television will not be able to complete construction and return to broadcast operations prior to July 13, 2021, in that it has been met with the following obstacles:

1. Ventana Television has had great difficulty in getting needed tower information from the tower owner, which continues to preclude physical mounting design;
2. The originally intended antenna was found to not be workable and research on a new selection took an extreme amount of time; and
3. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related short staffing, the antenna companies from which Ventana Television sought to order its new antenna badly delayed supplying needed information.

Despite these challenges, Ventana Television has performed many positive steps to return the station to broadcasting. For instance, the antenna and transmitter are currently in the ordering process and the required modification to the W45DX-D construction permit has been filed.

Accordingly, an extension of the current silent STA is requested for a period of six months from the date of this application. In addition, for the reasons stated above, W45DX-D requests an extension of its license pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 312(g), beyond the one-year silent anniversary.

This application is in the public interest by enabling W45DX-D to return to normal broadcasting as soon as the facility can be rebuilt as W13DQ-D on its repack channel 13.