

Request for Extension of STA to Remain Silent

JBS, Inc. (“JBS”), holder of the Commission authorization for low power television station WJHJ-LP, Newport News, Etc., VA (Facility ID 35137) (the “Station”) hereby respectfully requests that the current special temporary authority (“STA”) for the Station to remain silent be extended until January 10, 2022. Such an extension will cause the STA to run concurrently with the construction period under the Station’s construction permit to build displacement facilities.¹

As a result of the Broadcast Incentive Auction, the Station was displaced from analog Channel 39 and was granted a construction permit to build digital displacement facilities on Channel 34, which pursuant to extension currently expires on January 10, 2022 (LMS File 0000139629). The Station also went silent on April 15, 2020 in order to prevent interference on Channel 39 with the 600 MHz operations of T-Mobile USA, Inc., and was granted STA to remain silent until October 12, 2021 (LMS File No. 0000124950, as most recently extended in LMS File No. 0000143967).

Due to delays in obtaining municipal building and electrical permits, construction of the Channel 34 facilities has not yet commenced. In addition, the tower on which the Station’s facilities are located was acquired by American Tower Company (“ATC”) in December 2020 as part of ATC’s acquisition of the Insite Wireless Group tower portfolio. This change in ownership of the tower has also delayed the construction process as American Tower works to integrate management of the towers acquired from Insite. JBS is currently dealing with ATC to provide the necessary materials to obtain a Notice to Proceed with construction of the new facilities on ATC’s tower. JBS is also awaiting approval of reimbursement from the FCC for funds needed for the antenna, antenna installation and HVAC system.

An extension of the STA until January 10, 2022 would bring the STA term into harmony with the construction permit, and authorize the Station to remain silent while work on construction of the Station’s displacement facilities continues toward a completion by January 10, 2022. Such an extension would serve the public interest by enabling completion of construction of the Station facilities so that it can return to broadcast service as promptly as practicable.

¹ JBS also requests that any other applicable Commission rules be waived to the extent necessary to grant the relief hereby requested.