Request to Extend Engineering STA

KMTR Television, LLC, licensee of KMTR(TV), Eugene, Oregon (Facility ID 35189), respectfully requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority that was initially granted on October 24, 2018, and subsequently extended, to operate with an interim facility. See File No. 0000063023. The station was unable to continue broadcasting at its licensed site and filed an application to relocate to an 860' tower at a different site. See File No. 0000035793. The station began operating pursuant to an STA on interim facilities on a 360' tower located just 15feet from the 860' tower pending grant of the license modification application. The station subsequently found that it could not install its antenna on the 860' tower because the tower could not handle the additional loading. The station diligently conducted engineering studies and then invested in strengthening the 860' tower, which is now capable of accommodating the station's antenna. During that process, the station filed a minor modification application on January 7, 2022 (see File No. 0000179226), has ordered all necessary equipment, and is waiting for the tower climber to confirm an installation date for the antenna and new feed line. In the meantime, the public interest would be served by permitting KMTR to continue operating with interim facilities on the 360' tower pursuant to an extension of STA so that KMTR can avoid loss of service to its viewers that would otherwise result from the loss of its licensed transmitter site.