

### **Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization**

Pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission's Rules, ION Media License Company, LLC ("ION") requests that the STA the Commission granted on December 2, 2014 (File No. BDSTA-20141120ADK) be extended thru February 28, 2015 for the public interest reasons set out herein.

On November 20, 2014, ION requested an STA on behalf of the consortium of television stations operating within the New York City DMA known as the Metropolitan Television Alliance, LLC ("MTVA") to test the coverage and reception of UHF television signals broadcast from the World Trade Center ("WTC"). These tests will assist each station in making their decision on whether to move from their current tower locations on the Empire State Building ("ESB") to WTC or to remain at ESB. Such an option was permitted in the Commission's Incentive Auction Report & Order.<sup>1</sup> The STA was issued on December 2, 2014 for a period of 35 days.

Since the grant of the STA, activities in support of the testing have taken place with equipment in storage and installation coordination firming up. However, the holidays have slowed the process considerably necessitating the instant request for additional time. Sufficient power to the transmitter location at the WTC has not been finalized and without power, other necessary activities must wait. On December 4, 2014, American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. ("ABC") on behalf of the VHF MTVA members filed a similar extension request with the Commission (File No. BEDSTA-20141204AAA). Both ION and ABC anticipated that the project would have been much further along by now but such is not the case.

Therefore consistent with ABC's extension request, ION respectfully requests an extension of the STA from January 6, 2015 thru February 28, 2015 to enable the parties to conduct the necessary tests described in the parties' initial applications. Grant of the extension is in the public interest for the reasons set out herein and in the initial applications.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, GN Docket 12-268, Report and Order, FCC 14-50 at para 219, 220.