

Request for an Extension of Special Temporary Authority

Pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Rules, ION Media License Company, LLC (ION) the licensee of full power television station WPXN-TV, New York, NY requests a further extension of an existing STA initially granted by the FCC on December 2, 2014, and thereafter extended through February 28, 2015. The FCC granted a similar STA with the same extension date to American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. (WABC).

Both the ION and WABC STA's were issued to enable the MTVA, on behalf of New York City area UHF and VHF television stations, to conduct testing of UHF and VHF signal propagation from the World Trade Center (WTC). The results of such testing will be part of each broadcasters due diligence in selecting a transmission location at either the Empire State Building or WTC as permitted by the FCC in the Incentive Auction Report and Order.

Currently the transmission testing equipment for VHF and UHF signals has been installed and is ready for operation at the WTC. The fabrication and installation of the test antenna is awaiting a final structural analysis and consent from the Port Authority which is expected within the week. Thereafter, following coordination with all parties involved, actual testing of UHF and VHF signals is scheduled to begin in March.

All of this planning, installation and scheduling is very much subject to weather conditions in New York which have not been kind this winter. To anticipate any such delays, this extension request, along with a similar request from WABC, is for a period of time through May 29, 2015.

ION believes that a grant of this extension request will provide New York City broadcasters with vital information and data that will support their individual decision on adopting a final protected contour in the market and therefore the extension serves the public interest.