

Request for Extension of Low Power Digital Special Temporary Authority

GB Lynchburg Licensing LLC (“Licensee”), the permittee of WWCW-DT, pre- and post-transition digital Channel 20, Lynchburg, Virginia (FIN 24812), hereby requests an extension of the station’s low power digital special temporary authority (“STA”) initially granted by the Commission on February 5, 2002 (File No. BDSTA-20020124ADH) and most recently extended on May 29, 2008 (File No. BEDSTA-20080228AAY) until the DTV transition date of February 17, 2009. As an authorized satellite station, the deadline for constructing WWCW-DT’s post-transition digital facility is February 17, 2009.

On May 3, 2001, WWCW-DT was granted a DTV construction permit with parameters that match the station’s Appendix B facility (File No. BPCDT-19991028AFD). On July 24, 2008, WWCW-DT was granted a maximized post-transition DTV construction permit, which specifies a new antenna and pattern, and an increase in effective radiated power (File No. BMPCDT-20080619AJT). Licensee intends to complete construction of this maximized post-transition facility by the DTV transition date.

Construction of WWCW-DT’s maximized post-transition facility will require replacement of the current top-mount antenna that is being used to provide analog and digital service with a new top-mount antenna. When Licensee ordered the new antenna months ago, the manufacturer provided an anticipated delivery date of November 2008. In October, the antenna manufacturer informed Licensee that the expected delivery date will now be mid-January 2009. Nevertheless, Licensee’s intention continues to be to complete construction of its maximized post-transition DTV facility by the February 17, 2009 DTV transition date. However, out of an abundance of caution, due to the manifest uncertainty concerning the actual delivery date of the antenna, the availability of the tower crew between that delivery and February 17th, and winter weather conditions in the mountains of Virginia, Licensee will be seeking an extension of the DTV construction deadline for a period of six months, to August 17, 2009, under the Commission’s alternative buildout standard.

Accordingly, an extension of the station’s low power digital STA is needed so that the Licensee may continue to serve the public interest by providing digital service on WWCW-DT while the Licensee completes construction of the station’s post-transition DTV facility.