

Exhibit 36

WLS Television, Inc. (“WLS Television”), licensee of digital television station WLS-TV, Chicago, Illinois (“WLS”), respectfully requests an extension of its current engineering special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate digitally on channel 44 in Chicago, Illinois (“Channel 44 Interim Facility”).¹ Specifically, WLS requests continuing authority to operate the Channel 44 Interim Facility located at the Willis Tower with an effective radiated power (“ERP”) of 908 kilowatts (“kW”) at 475 meters (“m”) height above average terrain (“HAAT”). As explained herein, grant of the instant request will permit WLS to continue to provide service while WLS completes construction of its permanent digital facility on channel 44. For the reasons set forth herein, grant of the instant request is necessary and in the public interest.

WLS has served the Chicago, Illinois area on channel 7 for over sixty years pursuant to authorizations issued by the FCC. Following the digital television (“DTV”) transition, however, it became abundantly apparent that WLS’s post-transition operations on channel 7 did not enable WLS to serve many of its former over-the-air analog viewers, especially those viewers living in densely populated urban areas. Accordingly, promptly after the June 12, 2009 transition, WLS worked diligently with the FCC staff to develop a solution to the reception challenges faced by WLS’s viewers. To this end, WLS obtained approval to substitute its channel 7 digital allotment with digital channel 44 at Chicago, Illinois. Thereafter, WLS obtained a construction permit for full-power DTV facilities at Sears Tower on channel 44 at 473.3 kW ERP at 515 m HAAT (“Permanent Channel 44 Facility”).²

Construction of the Permanent Channel 44 Facility requires many steps, including: (i) obtaining a high-power UHF transmitter; (ii) obtaining an appropriate UHF antenna; (iii) obtaining suitable RF components; (iv) coordinating a substantial construction effort to replace the formerly licensed VHF channel 7 antenna with a new UHF antenna at the top of the Willis Tower; and (v) installing a new transmitter, along with its associated transmission line and RF components. WLS has been working expeditiously to complete construction of the Permanent Channel 44 Facility. To this end, WLS has received all of the equipment necessary to construct the Permanent Channel 44 Facility, including the new channel 44 antenna and transmitter and its associated transmission line. WLS has worked diligently to install the channel 44 transmitter and transmission line³ and, to date, has completed, or is in the process of completing, all tasks related to the construction of the Permanent Channel 44 Facility that are within its direct control.⁴ However, because the project ultimately requires the former channel 7 antenna to be

¹ See FCC File No. BDSTA- 20110826ACW, as extended by BEDSTA-20120227ABA.

² See FCC File No. BPCDT-20091001ACI, as modified by BMPCDT-20110331ABW.

³ The channel 44 transmission line has been installed within approximately ninety feet of the location of the new channel 44 antenna.

⁴ For example, WLS has constructed the wedding cake structure to be used with the new channel 44 antenna. WLS also has completed a peer review as required by the city of Chicago and submitted the results of the peer review to the city.

removed from the top of the Willis Tower and replaced with the new channel 44 antenna, there are a number of tasks that must be coordinated with the structural engineers at Willis Tower and the city of Chicago. Accordingly, WLS engineers are continuing to work with the aforementioned parties to finalize additional details associated with installation of the new antenna for the Permanent Channel 44 Facility, including obtaining the permits required by the city of Chicago to complete installation of the channel 44 antenna, such as a structural permit approval and approval from the city of Chicago to use a helicopter to install the permanent channel 44 antenna. Notably, because installation of the permanent channel 44 antenna requires the use of a helicopter, the installation cannot be completed in adverse weather conditions, such as the harsh winds and other winter weather common to the Chicago area. Nevertheless, barring unexpected events or weather conditions, WLS anticipates that it will commence operations of the Permanent Channel 44 Facility before the expiration of its outstanding construction permit for the Permanent Channel 44 Facility.

Grant of the instant extension request is in the public interest because it will enable WLS to provide continuity of service to its viewers until such time as the channel 7 VHF antenna can be removed from the top of Willis Tower and replaced with the new channel 44 antenna. As explained in the technical statement attached hereto, operation of the Channel 44 Interim Facility permits WLS to approximate as nearly as possible the service that will be provided by the Permanent Channel 44 Facility.⁵

⁵ The attached technical statement was filed in connection with WLS's initial request for special temporary authority to operate the Channel 44 Facility. The information in the technical statement remains accurate.