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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL (SENT TO Victoria.McCauley@fcc.gov)

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Request for Tolling of Construction Permit;
Permit File No. BP-20070119AGM;
WRHC(AM), Doral, Florida; Facility ID No. 73945**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

WRHC Broadcasting Corp., licensee of Station WRHC(AM), Facility ID No. 73945, Doral, Florida (“WRHC”), by its attorneys, hereby requests tolling of its construction permit, Permit File Number BP-20070119AGM (the “Construction Permit”).

WRHC is prevented from continuing construction of its permitted facilities due to exceptional circumstances caused by the coronavirus pandemic. On March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency in Florida.¹ Subsequently, Miami-Dade County issued a Declaration of State of Local Emergency, which remains in effect.² As of the date of this letter, there are over 6,000 cases of Covid-19 in Florida,

¹ Office of the Governor, Executive Order Number 20-52, *available at* https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/orders/2020/EO_20-52.pdf.

² See Executive Order extending Declaration of State of Emergency for an additional period in Miami-Dade County, *available at* <https://www.miamidade.gov/information/library/2020-03-25-state-of-emergency-extension-2.pdf>



with the majority in South Florida.³ Miami-Dade County has enacted numerous restrictions on businesses, including limitations on gatherings.⁴

Coronavirus-related events beyond Florida are also affecting construction. WRHC's consulting engineering firm, Hatfield and Dawson, is located in Seattle, an epicenter of the pandemic. Hatfield and Dawson's offices are closed. Two of the firm's senior engineers have been infected by the virus and are in isolation and are unable to work at this time. WRHC's local supervising engineer resides out-of-state. His ability to travel to Miami is severely hampered by various travel-related restrictions. Federal and state social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines are further impacting WRHC's efforts to construct.

Work on the WRHC construction project cannot resume until the health-, work-, and travel-related restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic are lifted. In light of these unique and exceptional circumstances, WRHC respectfully requests tolling of the Construction Permit, retroactive to March 9, 2020, the date that Florida's governor declared a state of emergency in the state.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/
F. Scott Pippin

³ Florida Department of Health, What you need to know now about COVID-19 in Florida, *available at* <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>; *see also* New York Times, Coronavirus in the U.S.: Latest Map and Case Count, *available at* <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>.

⁴ *See* Miami-Dade County, Mayor's Emergency Orders, *available at* <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/home.page>.