

**Extension of Existing Engineering STA Request
Exhibit 36
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Sky Television, L.L.C, licensee of WSKY-TV, (Fac. ID No. 76324), Manteo, North Carolina, hereby requests an extension of the station's existing phased transition special temporary authority ("STA") (BEDSTA-20090918ABNI) beyond February 17, 2010 in order to allow the station to continue to operate its licensed pre-transition Channel 4 digital facility while it completes construction of, and commences operation on, its post-transition Channel 9 digital facility.

This request is consistent with the Commission's stated intention to provide regulatory flexibility to select stations facing unique transition challenges and allow them to "remain on their pre-transition digital channel for no longer than one year after the transition date," which was June 12, 2009.¹

WSKY-TV continues to serve the same population that received its analog and digital service at the time the phased transition STA requirements were adopted, so that over-the-air viewers have not lost TV service by virtue of the station remaining on its pre-transition channel,² and the station's continued STA operation does not cause impermissible interference to other stations or prevent them from making the digital transition.

WSKY-TV continues to face a number of unique technical challenges that have delayed its digital transition and necessitated this extension request. However, Sky Television continues to work diligently to resolve these issues.

The station will commence post-transition Channel 9 digital operation utilizing a converted analog broadcast transmitter and antenna that was previously used by WSOC-TV, (Facility ID No. 74070), Charlotte, North Carolina. WSOC-TV used this equipment to provide analog Channel 9 broadcast service to its viewers through the June 12, 2009 digital transition, delaying the equipment's availability to WSKY-TV until after that date.

The WSOC-TV analog transmitter has been relocated from Charlotte and is on-site at WSKY-TV. In addition, Sky Television has worked with Harris Corporation and finalized the conversion plan by which the Channel 9 analog transmitter will be modified to permit digital operation by WSKY-TV.

¹ *Third Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television*, Report and Order, 23 FCC Rcd 2994, 3039 (2007) (also providing that stations granted such temporary authority receive an extension of time to construct their full, authorized post-transition facilities for the time they remain on their pre-transition digital channel).

² WSKY-TV was a singleton station, with no digital companion channel, that flash-cut from analog to digital operation in November 2007.

Sky Television has also retained a tower crew to remove the Channel 9 antenna from WSOC-TV's tower, where it is located in a stacked antenna array configuration, relocate it to WSKY-TV's tower site, and install it on WSKY-TV's tower. WSKY-TV is currently awaiting the relocation of this antenna.

In addition, Sky Television has filed a minor modification application with the Commission that will conform WSKY-TV's existing construction permit to the WSOC-TV Channel 9 antenna that is being relocated from Charlotte. *See* BMPCDT-20100112ADT.

Therefore, Sky Television requests an extension of WSKY-TV's existing phased transition STA so that the station can continue to provide free over-the-air broadcast service to its viewers on digital Channel 4 while it completes the construction and testing of its ultimate post-transition digital Channel 9 facilities.

Grant of the instant phased transition STA extension request will serve the public interest by allowing WSKY-TV to continue to provide over-the-air broadcast service to its viewers.