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Federal Communications Commission
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ATTN: Media Bureau, Audio Division

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: Request for Further Extension of Time to Respond to 30-Day Letter
Newark Public Radio, Inc.
NCE Station WBGO(FM), Newark, NJ (Fac. ID 48699)
FCC File No. BXPED-20111213ABU

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Newark Public Radio, Inc., licensee of noncommercial educational radio station WBGO(FM), Newark, New Jersey, we respectfully request an additional six (6) month extension of time, up to and including October 15, 2016, to amend the above-referenced auxiliary antenna construction permit application in FCC File No. BXPED-20111213ABU. Newark Public Radio has been working diligently to make progress towards resolving the underlying tower registration issue affecting this application, but unusual circumstances and complications beyond its control continue to delay completion of that process and preclude amendment of the application at this time.

Background. On January 15, 2016, Newark Public Radio previously requested a 90-day extension of time to amend the WBGO auxiliary antenna application in connection with an FCC Media Bureau letter dated January 15, 2015. By that FCC letter, the Media Bureau informed Newark Public Radio that further action on the auxiliary permit application would be withheld until such time as the applicant could provide requested information concerning Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval and FCC registration of the proposed auxiliary facility site's antenna structure.

As Newark Public Radio previously informed the FCC, its engineering consultant filed the necessary application with the FAA on February 11, 2015 in FAA Aeronautical Study Number 2015-AEA-735-OE. However, Newark Public Radio subsequently received a reply letter from FAA which indicated the need for additional specificity and data concerning the building which constitutes part of the antenna structure. After facing delays in securing the requested information, Newark Public Radio determined that it would need to retain a professional surveyor in connection with that process. Accordingly, Newark Public Radio contracted with a surveyor to conduct the necessary review of the tower site. Following the completion of the surveyor's analysis, Newark Public Radio submitted updated FAA filings in November, 2015, which were assigned FAA Aeronautical Study Numbers 2015-AEA-6821-OE, 2015-AEA-6822-OE, 2015-AEA-6823-OE, 2015-AEA-6824-OE, and 2015-AEA-6825-OE.

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Update. However, those applications currently remain pending before the FAA. In particular, unexpected issues have arisen concerning FAA review of the tower structure, and Newark Public Radio therefore must await resolution of the matter between the third party tower structure owner and the FAA. Nonetheless, assuming that the tower structure concerns can be resolved by the building owner and the FAA, Newark Public Radio still plans to move forward with the FCC Antenna Structure Registration and the WBGO auxiliary antenna permit application amendment once the resolution of the administrative compliance issue allows.

Thus Newark Public Radio is continuing to take all available steps to complete the amendment process, but circumstances beyond its control preclude completion as of this date. For these reasons, Newark Public Radio respectfully requests an additional six months to allow for the completion of this process, including the requested amendment of the application. Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,



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