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RE: Request for Further Extension of Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline, Station WJAR(TV), Providence, RI (Facility ID 50780)

Dear Counsel:

This letter is with regards to the request made by WJAR Licensee, LLC (the "Licensee" or "WJAR") licensee of WJAR(TV), Providence, Rhode Island (the "Station"), for an additional 30 day extension of the Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline. For the reasons set forth below, we grant the Licensee an additional thirty (30) day extension of the Pre-Auction Licensing deadline—until **August 27, 2015**.

The Media Bureau designated May 29, 2015 as the Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline,[1] the date by which full power and Class A facilities must be licensed to be eligible for protection in the repacking process and relinquishment of spectrum usage rights in the reverse auction. On May 22, 2015, Section 73.622(i) of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules[2] was amended to change the channel for the Station from channel 51 to channel 50 to eliminate potential interference to and from wireless operations in the Lower 700 MHz A Block.[3] The Licensee was granted a construction permit for its substitute facility on May 28, 2015, one day prior to the Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline.[4] On May 29, 2015, the Licensee filed a request for at least a sixty (60) day extension of the Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline to construct its new facility on channel 50 ("substitute facility").[5] On June 25, 2015, we granted the Licensee a sixty (60) day extension—until July 28, 2015.[6]

On July 27, 2015, the Licensee filed a request for an additional thirty (30) day extension.[7] The Licensee states that it has taken "all efforts within its control to expedite the Channel 50 construction...." WJAR goes on to state that the new antenna is scheduled to be delivered on August 14, 2015 and a tower crew is scheduled to install it the week of August 17, 2015.[8] For the reasons stated in the Licensee's

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[1] *Media Bureau Designates May 29, 2015 as Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 393 (MB 2015).

[2] 47 C.F.R. § 73.622(i).

[3] *Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Providence, Rhode Island)*, MB Docket No.15-98, RM 11748, Report and Order, DA 15-621 (rel. May 22, 2015); 80 Fed. Reg. 30630 (May. 29, 2015).

[4] See FCC File No. 0000001563.

[5] Request for Extension of Incentive Auction Protection Cutoff filed by WJAR Licensee, LLC (May 29, 2015).

[6] Letter from Barbara A Kreisman, Chief Video Division, Media Bureau to Clifford M. Harrington (Jun. 25, 2015).

[7] Request for Additional Extension of Incentive Auction Protection Cutoff filed by WJAR Licensee, LLC (Jul. 27, 2015).

[8] *Id.* at 3.

extension request and in furtherance of the Commission's interest in facilitating broadcasters' moves off channel 51,[9] we will provide an additional thirty (30) day extension of the Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline for WJAR to complete construction of its substitute facility.

Accordingly, we **GRANT** the Request for Further Extension of Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline and provide WJAR with a thirty (30) day extension—until **August 27, 2015**. Furthermore, WJAR **SHALL AMEND** its Pre-Auction Technical Certification Form (FCC Form 2100, Schedule 381) **within three (3) days** following the completion of construction on the substitute facility. WJAR must certify to the accuracy of the information in its new license authorization (or application for license to cover), as well as all underlying Database Technical Information.[10] It must also make any necessary correction to the equipment information provided regarding its eligible facility.[11]

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Kreisman
Chief, Video Division
Media Bureau

[9] *See Incentive Auction R&O*, 29 FCC Rcd at 6659, para. 203 (concluding that the minimal impact that protecting relocated channel 51 facilities would have on the Commission's repacking flexibility is outweighed by the public interest benefit of clearing broadcast operations from channel 51 as expeditiously as possible in order to promote deployment of wireless broadband service in the 700 MHz A Block); *see also General Freeze on the Filing and Processing of Applications for Channel 51 Effective Immediately and Sixty (60) Day Amendment Window for Pending Channel 51 Low Power Television, TV Translator and Class A Applications*, Public Notice, 26 FCC Rcd 11409 (2011)(lifting the freeze on channel substitution rulemaking petitions for stations seeking to relocate from channel 51 pursuant to a voluntary relocation agreement).

[10] Pre-Auction Technical Certification Form, FCC Form 2100, Schedule 381 at Question 1. "Database Technical Information" means all underlying technical data that sets forth the operational parameters of the facility, including but not limited to the technical information that may be found in the Commission's Consolidated Database System (as well as the successor Licensing Management System) and Antenna Registration System.

[11] Pre-Auction Technical Certification Form, FCC Form 2100, Schedule 381 at Question 2.