

EXHIBIT 39

**EXPLANATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

Tribune Television New Orleans, Inc. ("Tribune"), the licensee of WNOL-TV, New Orleans, Louisiana, hereby requests an extension of its Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to continue digital operations on channel 15, its post-transition channel. The STA allowed Tribune to restore WNOL's over-the-air digital service for the first time since Hurricane Katrina.

The materials submitted with the original STA request demonstrated that there are no legal or technical impediments to WNOL's digital operation on channel 15. The STA facilities provide better than city-grade service to New Orleans, WNOL's City of License. WNOL's pre-transition use of its post-transition channel 15 is also permissible because the pre-transition right to operate a digital station on channel 15 was assigned to WGNO-TV, WNOL's sister station in New Orleans.¹ Since Tribune commenced WNOL-DT's operations on channel 15 in March, it has received no complaints of interference from surrounding television stations.

As the Commission knows, the analog and digital transmitting facilities of WGNO and WNOL were completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. While Tribune subsequently restored and improved the over-the-air analog service of WGNO and WNOL, it had been unable to return either WGNO-DT or WNOL-DT to the air until earlier this year. Tribune completed construction of the post-transition DTV facilities of both WGNO and WNOL

¹ Both WGNO and WNOL are indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Tribune Company.

in March 2008 from a new transmitter site, which is approximately 2.3 miles from the old WGNO/WNOL site.

Given the overwhelming devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, Tribune urges the Commission to grant the instant request for an extension of STA so that it can continue providing an a new, over-the-air DTV service to viewers in the New Orleans market.