



Federal Communications Commission
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(via electronic mail)

Re: Request for Extension Special
Temporary Authority
WMTO-LD, Norfolk, VA
Facility ID No. 67552
LMS File No. 0000220069

Dear Licensee:

This letter concerns the above-referenced request for extension of special temporary authority (STA) filed by Syncom Media Group, Inc. (Syncom), licensee of digital low power television (LPTV) station WMTO-LD, channel 6, Norfolk, Virginia (WMTO-LD or Station). As set forth below, we grant the request and extend Syncom's STA with conditions.

WMTO-LD is a digital LPTV station operating on channel 6 in ATSC 3.0 format. The Station was granted an STA to operate an analog FM audio carrier within the Station's assigned digital channel frequencies (FM6 operations). The STA was granted with certain operating and reporting conditions and extended for an additional six months. Syncom now seeks to extend its STA for an additional six months under the same conditions. We find that granting the STA for another six months is in the public interest.

ACCORDINGLY, the request for extension of special temporary authority of Syncom Media Group, Inc. for digital LPTV station WMTO-LD, Norfolk, Virginia, **IS GRANTED** for a period of **six months from the date of this letter**, subject to the following conditions:

1. FM6 operations may only be conducted on 87.75 MHz.
2. This STA has been issued on a non-interference basis and may be immediately modified or terminated if the operation causes interference to any other licensed user, including but not limited to broadcast television or radio users, or if Syncom fails to comply with any conditions of grant. Pursuant to section 73.1635(b) of the rules, the Video Division, without the consent of Syncom, may also modify the terms of or terminate this authorization for any other reason upon written notice to Syncom.
3. WMTO-LD's audio and video coverage must reach similar populations.
4. Syncom shall submit written reports, 90 days from the date of this letter and then again 180 days from the date of this letter, detailing any reports of interference to other licensed users it has received and any interference between WMTO-LD's video and audio services that in any way limits the coverage of its video. Such reports must also include a demonstration that WMTO-LD's audio and video coverage reach similar populations.
5. During the term of this STA, WMTO-LD must provide at least one stream of synchronized video and audio programming on the ATSC 3.0 portion of the spectrum on a full time (24x7) basis.
6. During the term of this STA, the technical facilities of WMTO-LD may not be modified.
7. During the term of this STA, the license of WMTO-LD may not be assigned or transferred.

8. On July 20, 2023, the Commission adopted a Report and Order on the operation of analog FM radio services by a limited group channel 6 digital low power television stations, which includes the Station. *Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations*, MB Docket No. 03-185, Fifth Report and Order, FCC 23-58 (rel. July 20, 2023) (*FM6 R&O*). The Station must come into compliance with any rules adopted by the Commission once effective and make any required filings.¹

Sincerely,

/s/

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¹ See *Media Bureau Announces September 28, 2023 Effective Date For Certain FM6 LPTV Station Rules*, MB Docket No. 03-185, Public Notice, DA 23-775 (rel. Aug. 29, 2023). While we believe that the operations set forth in the STA will comply with the rules adopted in the *FM6 R&O*, our action herein is not intended to supersede any rules adopted by the Commission, does not constitute a waiver of any of those rules, and does not represent that the Commission would waive any of those rules if the STA operations were found not to be in compliance with those adopted in the *FM6 R&O*.