

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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BLUE RIDGE FREE MEDIA)	File No. 0000072621
For Renewal of License of)	Facility ID No. 192547
WXRK-LP, Charlottesville, VA)	
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AIR MIX VIRGINIA)	File No. 0000073441
For Renewal of License of)	Facility ID No. 193001
WVAI-LP, Charlottesville, VA)	
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PROMISE LAND COMMUNICATIONS)	File No. 0000073463
For Renewal of License of)	Facility ID No. 192897
WPVC-LP, Charlottesville, VA)	
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GENESIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	File No. 0000072618
For Renewal of License of)	Facility ID No. 194996
WREN-LP, Charlottesville, VA)	
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GATEWAY MEDIA, INC.)	File No. 0000072619
For Renewal of License of)	Facility ID No. 192447
WKMZ-LP, Ruckersville, VA)	

To: Office of the Secretary
Attention: Audio Division, Media Bureau

COMMENTS OF TIDEWATER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
ON REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Tidewater Communications, LLC (“Tidewater”), by its attorney, hereby respectfully files these Comments of Tidewater Communications, LLC, on Requests for Extension of Time (“Comments”). On February 14, 2020, counsel for Air Mix Virginia (“Air Mix”) filed a “Request for Extension of Time” seeking an extension to April 1, 2020, to respond to the Commission’s Letter of Inquiry (“LOI”) dated January 28, 2020.¹

¹ The “Parties” to this proceeding are Blue Ridge Free Media (“Blue Ridge”), licensee of WXRK-LP; Air Mix Virginia (“Air Mix”), licensee of WVAI-LP; Promise Land Communications (“Promise Land”), licensee of WPVC-LP, and Genesis Communications, Inc. (“Genesis”), licensee of WREN-LP, all Charlottesville, Virginia. On

The terms of the LOI required a response to be filed within 30 days (or by February 27, 2020). A flurry of emails have been exchanged among counsel and the Commission's staff suggesting varying deadlines for the submission of responses to the LOI. Counsel for Air Mix initiated the requests for additional time by email dated February 13, 2020, in which he indicated he would be filing a formal motion for extension of time to April 1, 2020. Counsel for Promise Land also stated he would be requesting an extension to April 1, 2020. Undersigned counsel then emailed all counsel and the Commission's staff stating that Tidewater would consent to an extension of time to March 9, 2020, but no longer. In an email dated February 13, 2020, counsel for Genesis announced that his client intended to meet the FCC's original deadline set forth in the LOI, while not consenting nor objecting to any other party's request for an extension of time. In an email dated February 13, 2020, counsel for Blue Ridge indicated he would be seeking a 60-day extension of time. On February 14, 2020, the Commission's staff emailed all counsel and granted an extension of time for the Parties' responses to March 20, 2020, but stated that Tidewater would be held to the same deadline as set forth in the LOI (15 calendar days following submission of the licensees' responses to the LOI.)

As noted above, Tidewater originally objected to any extension of time past March 9, 2020. Although not stated in counsel's email, it is Tidewater's desire to expedite this proceeding in light of the continuing operations of the non-rule-compliant LPFM stations.

However, in light of the Commission's email granting an extension to March 20, 2020, Tidewater withdraws its previous statement limiting its consent to a March 9, 2020, deadline,

October 25, 2019, Gateway Communications, Inc., withdrew its application for renewal of the licensee of WKMZ-LP. The station is currently silent. The License Management System reflects that the captioned application for renewal of license of WKMZ-LP remains pending.

and takes no position on whether the Commission should grant the requests to extend the deadline to April 1, 2020. Tidewater will oppose any request by Blue Ridge (or any other party) to any extension past April 1, 2020. Tidewater's position is reasonable in light of Genesis' stated ability to meet the February 27, 2020, deadline.

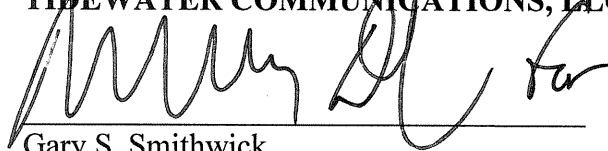
At this point, Tidewater has no reason to believe that it cannot comment on the Parties' responses within 15 days of their filing; however, should the need arise, and upon good cause shown, Tidewater reserves the right to seek an extension of its deadline set forth in the LOI.

In light of the foregoing, Tidewater respectfully submits that an extension of time to March 20, 2020, for the Parties to respond to the LOI is satisfactory, subject to Tidewater's comments contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

TIDEWATER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

By:

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