

January 14, 2016

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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554  
ATTN: Media Bureau, Audio Division

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 three (3) month extension of time, up to and including April 15, 2016, to amend the above-referenced auxiliary antenna construction permit application in FCC File No. BXPED-20111213ABU. As explained below, Newark Public Radio has made substantial progress towards resolving the underlying tower registration issue affecting this application, but requires additional time due to regulatory review circumstances beyond its control.

Background. On October 14, 2015, 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.

Update. Most recently, 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,

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2015-AEA-6824-OE, and 2015-AEA-6825-OE. These filings are currently pending before the FAA. After the FAA process is completed, Newark Public Radio plans to move forward with the corresponding FCC Antenna Structure Registration process, and then amend its auxiliary antenna permit application for WBGO.

Accordingly, Newark Public Radio continues to take steps to expeditiously 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 three 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.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Tung Bui, FCC (tung.bui@fcc.gov)