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In re: **KSVY(FM), Sonoma, CA**  
Facility ID No. 78100  
File No. BPED-20170530ACJ  
  
Sonoma Valley Community Communications  
Tolling Extension Request

Dear Mr. Silverman:

On April 21, 2021, we received your request on behalf of Sonoma Valley Community Communications (SVCC) for extension of tolling of the construction deadline for the construction permit for FM Station KSVY(FM), Sonoma, California (Station), File No. BPED-20170530ACJ, granted on June 14, 2017 for a three-year term expiring on June 14, 2020. We granted tolling to this station on April 30, 2020, ending on October 20, 2020, and extended tolling on October 27, 2020, ending on April 30, 2021.

SVCC's extension request is based on construction delays caused by the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, compounded by the wildfires in Sonoma County. SVCC notes that the region's construction labor force and county services have been strained in order to focus on emergency response efforts related to housing, food distribution, COVID-19 testing, and general public safety. SVCC further states that, as part of its agreement to locate its antenna on a county-owned tower, it continues to work diligently with the county and other relevant parties on tower site construction efforts, including satisfying permitting and other regulatory requirements. SVCC also states that it has incurred approximately \$70,000 of expenses, toward antenna equipment, backup power capabilities, and other expenses such as soil sample testing. In a supplement to SVCC's request, a sworn statement of SVCC's Chief Operating Officer, Bob Taylor, with emails in support, documents difficulties and delays SVCC experienced with getting responses from the county, starting in December 2020 and continuing to the present date. Given all of these difficulties, SVCC expects construction will be completed within the next 90 to 180 days.

As stated above, this permit expires on April 30, 2021. Therefore, at the end of tolling, no time will be left remaining on the permit. We do recognize that the delays caused by COVID-19, compounded by the wildfires, are outside of the permittee's control, and that the county's slow responses have delayed progress. Based on these factors, we will grant an additional six months to complete construction.

This extension will afford additional time to construct the station and file a license application. Please note that we require any future tolling requests based on COVID-19 to include documentation demonstrating the specific steps SVCC took to commence construction and how COVID-19 impacted those efforts. For example, a permittee would provide (i) evidence that equipment was ordered on time but

had been delayed due to shipment constraints or supply chain issues; (ii) correspondence from tower crews indicating that they were scheduled to install equipment but did not have the crew to send; (iii) invoices demonstrating expenditures to further construction; or (iv) leases for the tower site. If SVCC offers no such evidence or any similar evidence of an attempt to construct, any further tolling will be denied.

Accordingly, the new CP expiration date is October 30, 2021.

Sincerely,  
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