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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
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In re Applications of	)	MM Docket No. 97-128
	)	
Martin W. Hoffman	)	File No. BRCT-881201LG
Trustee-in-Bankruptcy for	)	
Astroline Communications Company	)	
Limited Partnership	)	
	)	
For Renewal of License of	)	
Station WHCT-TV,	)	
Hartford, Connecticut	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
Shurberg Broadcasting of Hartford	)	File No. BPCT-831202KF
	)	
For Construction Permit for a New	)	
Television Station to Operate on	)	
Channel 18, Hartford, Connecticut	)	

**ORDER**

**Issued: February 26, 1998**

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**Released: March 4, 1998**

Under consideration is the Third Consent Motion for Further Extension of Procedural Dates filed by Shurberg Broadcasting of Hartford (SBH) on February 24, 1998.

In December, 1997 SBH sought an extension of procedural dates herein based on settlement discussions then underway. SBH reports that since that time those discussions have resulted in a preliminary tentative alignment of the interests of SBH, Two If By Sea Broadcasting Corporation (TIBS) and Martin Hoffman relative to a general proposal advanced to those parties by a prospective "white knight" interested in acquiring Station WHCT-TV. SBH states that as of February 2, 1998, it appeared that a settlement had been agreed to, but a few days later counsel for the "white knight" informally advised that the "white knight" was withdrawing from further discussion concerning resolution of this proceeding and that the most recent information available indicates that the "white knight" has, in fact, decided not to pursue this matter further.

SBH states that, notwithstanding this latest unforeseen turn of events, its counsel's conversations with counsel for TIBS and counsel for Mr. Hoffman suggest a willingness on the part of those two parties to pursue some mutually agreeable resolution of this proceeding. SBH states that it also is willing to continue to seek some such resolution of this matter and believes it would be appropriate to extend the procedural dates herein in order to permit the parties to focus their attention on settlement efforts. SBH assures that it will proceed with its discovery efforts in the meantime, as well as its efforts to reach stipulations with other parties concerning relevant facts so that this case will progress either by settlement or through hearing. SBH requests that all procedural dates in this proceeding be extended sixty (60) days.

SBH reports that Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Ramirez, TIBS and the Mass Media Bureau have all consented to the requested extension.

In light of the foregoing, it is deemed that good cause exists for the grant of the motion.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the SBH motion IS GRANTED and the Procedural Schedule herein IS EXTENDED sixty (60) days. The following schedule will control.

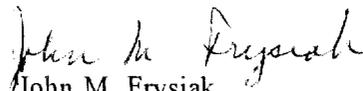
May 15, 1998 - Completion of discovery

May 29, 1998 - Exchange of applicant's direct case.

June 12, 1998 - Notification of witnesses desired for cross examination.

June 30, 1998 - Commencement of hearing at 10:00 a.m. in the offices of the Commission, Washington, D.C.

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John M. Frysiak  
Administrative Law Judge