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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: MM Docket No. 87-268
WMAQ-TV, Chicago, IL
Request for Extension for Time

Dear Ms. Salas:

NBC Subsidiary (WMAQ-TV), Inc., ("NBC"), licensee of WMAQ-TV, Chicago, Illinois, respectfully requests an additional three-month extension of time to submit its application for a construction permit for DTV Channel 29 in Chicago.¹

As the FCC has previously been advised, NBC has been diligent in its efforts to secure an agreement with the owner of the Sears Tower for a lease for its DTV facilities as well as in its efforts to locate alternative sites for its facilities.

NBC has continued to work closely with TrizecHahn Office Properties, the landlord of the Sears Tower to secure a lease for our DTV facilities. As the FCC is aware, TrizecHahn needs to secure the approval of another tenant – Channel 50 – before completing an agreement with NBC. This process has taken much longer than the landlord had anticipated. However, NBC has just been advised by TrizecHahn that the agreement with Channel 50 should be completed next week. In addition, TrizecHahn has sent a proposed lease agreement to NBC for its review. We are optimistic that all the negotiations can be completed within the next few weeks and that we will be able to order our equipment by March 1. At that time, we will also be in a position to file our construction permit application. We have been advised by Dielectric, the manufacturer of our DTV antenna, that the equipment will be delivered 7 months after the order is received.

¹ By letters dated May 28, 1998 and October 5, 1998, the FCC staff granted NBC's previous requests for extensions of time to file its DTV construction permit application. The FCC has not officially responded to NBC's letter of October 30, 1998 to extend the filing time until February 1, 1999.

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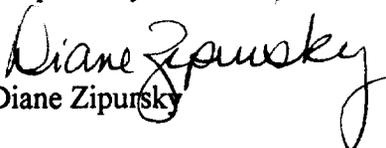
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Although we are hopeful that our negotiations with the Sears Tower will be favorably concluded very shortly, NBC continues to pursue alternative locations for our DTV facilities. We have determined that environmental concerns make the installation of our digital facilities atop our current office building impractical. However, we have been exploring potential lease agreements with developers of proposed skyscrapers in Chicago.

NBC will continue its aggressive efforts to resolve this tower situation as quickly as possible. We are requesting an additional three-month extension of time in which to file our construction permit application deadline to allow us to bring the current negotiations to a successful conclusion, or, if necessary, to find an acceptable alternative location for our DTV facility.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


Diane Zipursky

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