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Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20054

Re: MM Docket No. 87-268  
WTVJ(TV), Miami, FL  
Request for Extension of Time

Dear Ms. Salas:

NBC Stations Management, Inc. ("NBC"), licensee of WTVJ, Miami, FL, respectfully requests a further extension of time to submit its application for a construction permit for its DTV facilities and complete construction of those facilities.

The deadline for construction of all network affiliated television stations in Miami is November 1, 1999. As the FCC is aware, WTVJ has a pending request to amend the DTV Table of Allotments and Allocations seeking to modify the station's DTV assignment from Channel 30 to Channel 31 to enable the station to relocate its antenna. Until such time as the FCC acts on that request, WTVJ is not able to prepare a DTV construction permit application.

NBC has been advised that Paxson Communications Corporation, licensee of WPXM in Miami, intends to withdraw its pending request to modify its DTV allocation from Channel 26 to Channel 31. With this conflicting request removed, NBC is hopeful that the FCC will proceed expeditiously to process our pending request to modify our DTV assignment. NBC believes that the public interest will be served by this change, which will improve the signal strength of WTVJ-DT and will limit the station's dependence on translators within the Miami DMA, making the WTVJ-DT operation more spectrally efficient.

NBC is prepared to file a construction permit application for WTVJ-DT as soon as the Commission acts on our pending request and to begin construction immediately upon grant of the application. Accordingly, we respectfully request an extension of time

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to file that application until six months following completion of the proceeding regarding NBC's pending Request to Amend the DTV Table of Allotments and Assignments.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Diane Zirursky

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Scott Patrick, Esq.