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Before The
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In re Applications of)
READING BROADCASTING, INC.)
For Renewal of License of)
Station WTVE(TV), Channel 51)
Reading, Pennsylvania)
and)
ADAMS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION)
For Construction Permit for a New)
Television Station to Operate on)
Channel 51, Reading, Pennsylvania)

MM Docket No. 99-153
File No. BRCT-940407KF
File No. BPCT-940630KG

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The Honorable Richard L. Sippel
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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE STATEMENT CONCERNING REBUTTAL

1. Adams Communications Corporation ("Adams") hereby requests a four-day extension, to and including March 24, 2000, of the time within which to submit its statement concerning rebuttal. That statement is currently due to be filed on March 20, 2000. See Order, FCC 00M-18, released February 18, 2000.

2. The brief extension is necessitated by unanticipated events which have required undersigned counsel's absence from his office for a number of days this week. On Monday, March 13, during a dental examination (which resulted in approximately one-half day absence from the office), counsel was advised that oral surgery would be necessary, and that it would be advisable to schedule that surgery promptly. Accordingly, the surgery has been scheduled for

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Friday, March 17 -- which will result in a full day's absence from the office. ^{1/} On Tuesday, March 14, counsel travelled to Indiana to appear as a witness in a civil trial -- counsel had initially understood that his appearance might be accomplished by telephonic deposition, which would not have required any travel at all and which might have been scheduled for a convenient weekend time; however, trial counsel in Indiana subsequently advised undersigned counsel that his appearance at the trial would be required.

3. The effect of these events has been to prevent counsel from completing Adams's rebuttal statement. ^{2/} And in light of the fact that counsel will be recovering from oral surgery this weekend, counsel is doubtful that he will be able to complete the statement in time for submission on March 20. Accordingly, a modest extension is hereby requested.

4. Adams notes that, simultaneously with this request, it is requesting that Phase II procedural dates be held in abeyance in light of the status of discovery relative to the Phase II issues. Should that request be granted, the extension requested hereby will

^{1/} Moreover, it is not clear whether, as a result of the surgery, counsel will be able to work effectively over the weekend of March 18-19.

^{2/} This is not to say that Adams has not commenced work on the statement. To the contrary, Adams has reviewed the exhibits and the transcript of the Phase I hearing to date and has compiled a list of the materials as to which rebuttal testimony will be offered. Counsel has not, however, yet had the opportunity to assemble that list in a manner suitable for presentation to the Presiding Judge. Adams also notes that, simultaneously with that Phase I review efforts, Adams has also been engaged in active discovery relative to Phase II issues. In other words, the extension sought hereby is not the result of any inactivity or lack of diligence on the part of Adams.

have virtually no effect on any party to this case. And even if the Phase II hearing were to commence as currently scheduled, submission of the rebuttal statement on March 24 would still afford the other parties more than a week to review that statement in advance of the hearing.

5. Adams regrets that, because of the schedule of undersigned counsel (who has been out of town on business three of the last four days, and who will not be in the office at all on Friday, March 17 because of his scheduled oral surgery), Adams has not been able to confer with counsel for RBI or the Bureau concerning the filing of this pleading.

Respectfully submitted,

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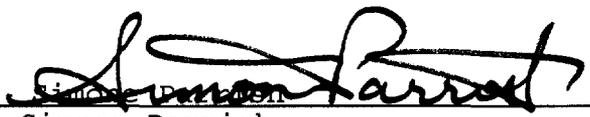
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Simone Parrish, a legal assistant with the law firm of Bechtel & Cole, Chartered, hereby certify that, on this 17th day of March, 2000, I caused copies of the foregoing "Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Statement Concerning Rebuttal" to be hand delivered (as indicated below), addressed to the following:

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