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Federal Communications Commission      FCC 011-04  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of	)	MM Docket No. 99-153
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READING BROADCASTING, INC.	)	File No. BRCT-94040716D
	)	
For Renewal of license of Station	)	
WTVE(TV), Channel 51,	)	
Reading, Pennsylvania	)	
	)	
And	)	
	)	
ADAMS COMMUNICATIONS	)	File No. BPCT-940630KG
CORPORATION	)	
	)	
For Construction Permit for a	)	
New Television Station on	)	
Channel 51, Reading, Pennsylvania	)	

**ORDER**

**Adopted:** May 2, 2001

**Released:** May 3, 2001

By the Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Law Division:

1. This order grants in part a Motion for Extension of Time, filed April 24, 2001, by Reading Broadcasting, Inc. (RBI).<sup>1</sup>

2. RBI seeks a four-week extension of time to file a brief and exceptions to the Initial Decision of Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel, FCC 01D-01 (Apr. 5, 2001) from May 7, 2001 to June 4, 2001. This initial decision denies RBI's application for renewal of station WTVE(TV), Reading, Pennsylvania, and grants the mutually exclusive application of Adams Communications Corporation (Adams). RBI urges that an extension is warranted because its counsel faces numerous conflicting demands that limit his availability to prepare exceptions. RBI cites counsel's workload for other clients and various personal requirements, such as construction of a new house and childcare requirements associated with his wife's law school examinations.

<sup>1</sup> Also before the Commission is an opposition, filed May 1, 2001, by Adams Communications Corporation.

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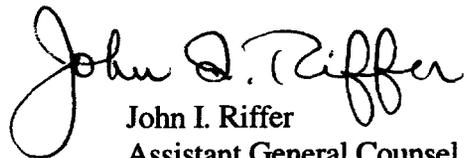
RBI explains that its counsel does not have an associate familiar with the record who would be able to take on the task of preparing the exceptions.

3. Adams responds that RBI has not shown adequate grounds to justify an extension. According to Adams, counsel's personal commitments do not constitute good cause for an extension. Adam's also questions RBI's claims that other lawyers are not available to assist with this case since RBI's counsel belongs to a law firm with a large telecommunications practice. Adams alleges that an extension would prolong this proceeding to the benefit of RBI, which would remain on the air until this case is concluded.

3. We will grant a two-week extension. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a). However, in this case, a two-week extension will not unduly prejudice the parties nor interfere with the orderly disposition of this case. We will therefore extend the time for filing exceptions until May 21, 2001. We caution the parties that no further request for extension will be entertained.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, That pursuant to the authority delegated under 47 C.F.R. § 0.251(c), the Motion to for Extension of Time, filed April 24, 2001, by Reading Broadcasting, Inc., IS GRANTED in part and DENIED in part and the deadline for filing exceptions in this proceeding IS EXTENDED until May 21, 2001.

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