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Attention: Video Division, Media Bureau

Re: MB Docket 03-15
Request for Extension of Digital Replication Deadline
Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority
WXXV-DT, Facility ID No. 53517
Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Because of severe damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, as more fully set forth below, Morris Network of Mississippi, Inc. ("Morris"), licensee of WXXV-TV and permittee of WXXV-DT, Gulfport, Mississippi, hereby respectfully requests a waiver and six-month extension of the July 1, 2006, deadline by which stations that received a tentative digital channel designation on their current digital channel in the channel election process must construct full, authorized facilities or lose interference protection ("Replication Deadline"). Morris anticipates at this time that it will be able to complete construction of its authorized facilities and commence operations during the Fall of this year, but it is seeking a six-month extension in order to allow for any currently unanticipated difficulties which might arise, such as additional weather issues and the like.

Morris has been working diligently toward meeting the Replication Deadline. Its progress was severely hampered, however, because of the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina last year. That hurricane, the most destructive storm in American history, crippled WXXV-TV in its immediate aftermath. Morris suffered extensive damage to its main tower in McHenry, Mississippi, as well as its main studio office building and studio-transmitter link ("STL") tower in Gulfport. With the extensive damage suffered, Morris has been informed that it has been lucky to be able to restore and maintain even its analog operations, much less move forward with the construction of full-power DTV facilities.

Before any full-power DTV construction can move forward, it is necessary to repair both the main tower and the STL tower before any further construction work can go forward. On the main tower, it is necessary to repair or replace the "Hog Rods" and to repair three guy wires. Without such repairs, the continued ability of the tower even to remain standing would be in jeopardy, and it is clear that no further construction activities can take place until the repairs are made. As the repair process is completed, it also will be necessary for the main tower to be re-inspected to make sure that the tower handles the required wind load.

The process of repair and replacement of necessary equipment has been a slow one due to the massive recovery effort on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and surrounding areas from Hurricane Katrina. Tower crews are in high demand and their work was hampered in April and May due to unexpected and unseasonably high winds. Repairs to the main studio and the STL tower have now been completed. Morris anticipates that the repairs to the main tower will be completed this Summer, with construction of the full-power DTV facilities to be completed by the Fall.

In anticipation of this construction, Morris has ordered an American Technical Services model TC121iD, 12KW Digital Transmitter, and it anticipates that delivery of this transmitter will be within 90 to 120 days. In light of the tower repairs and resulting tower loading issues, Morris is evaluating its antenna options based on wind load and signal pattern considerations.

Clearly, therefore, in the face of devastating circumstances, Morris is moving forward with construction of full-power DTV facilities as quickly as practicable. It has been required first to take the basic steps to ensure that any continued operation is possible, and that the construction may go forward without causing destruction of the station's facilities. Even under these circumstances, it has ordered its DTV transmitter and is taking all steps toward repair of its tower and installation of the DTV equipment expeditiously. In the wake of the massive storm, which created a huge demand for repair and recovery efforts to restore and maintain even basic services, this process has been slower than might have been desired. Nonetheless, Morris is moving forward with the construction of its full-power DTV facilities as quickly as possible under the circumstances.

Accordingly, because of a situation clearly beyond its control, Morris hereby respectfully requests a six-month extension of the Replication Deadline.

In addition, Morris is simultaneously herewith seeking extension of its currently outstanding Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for reduced-power DTV operation, File No. BDSTA-20020903AHZ, as most recently extended by File No. BEDSTA-20060109ADM, granted February 16, 2006.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,



Anne Goodwin Crump

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Enclosure

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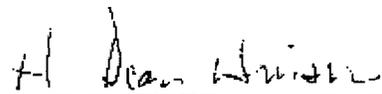
DECLARATION

I, H. Dean Hinson, hereby declare and state as follows:

I am President of Morris Network of Mississippi, Inc. I have read the foregoing request for extension of the July 1, 2006, deadline by which stations that received a tentative digital channel designation on their current digital channel in the channel election process must construct full, authorized facilities or lose interference protection.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the facts contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 29th day of June, 2006.



H. Dean Hinson
President, Morris Network, Inc.