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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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**Re: Request for Waiver of Replication/Maximization Interference
Protection Deadline, MB Docket No. 03-15
KLEW-DT, Lewiston, Idaho (FIN: 56032)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Fisher Broadcasting – Washington TV, L.L.C. (“Fisher”), permittee of digital television station KLEW-DT, Lewiston, Idaho, this letter hereby requests a temporary six-month extension and waiver of the July 1, 2006 replication/maximization interference protection deadline. See Public Notice, DA 06-1255 (rel. June 14, 2006). As discussed below, a waiver is warranted because the commencement of full-power operations has been delayed by factors beyond the licensee’s control and would be in the public interest. The station is currently operating its digital facility pursuant to Special Temporary Authority (“STA”), which expires on July 1, 2006, and on June 16, 2006, Fisher filed a request to extend the STA for another six months so that the station may continue to serve the public until completion of final construction.

KLEW-DT is unable to complete construction of its digital facilities because it has not yet received delivery of its digital transmitter. On June 14, 2006, the transmitter manufacturer, LARCAN Inc., confirmed they would be unable to complete construction and shipment of the KLEW-DT transmitter in sufficient time to allow installation and testing prior to the July 1 deadline. LARCAN, Inc. has informed Fisher that there was a delay in the shipment of the necessary power supplies for the transmitter, and that completion and shipment of the transmitter to KLEW-DT would not occur until June 27. See Attachment A. Upon receipt of the transmitter, Fisher will complete the installation and testing expeditiously and will file the necessary digital license application.

For the above reasons, Fisher submits that good cause exists for the grant of this waiver request. Fisher has diligently pursued the construction of its full-power facilities, but has been delayed by factors beyond its control. See, e.g., Instructions, Application for Extension of Time to Construct Digital Television Broadcast Station, FCC Form 337, 2

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("equipment delivery delays, unavailability of work or tower crews, and tower safety and other construction delays" are technical obstacles warranting the extension of DTV construction deadlines); *see also, Requests For Further Extension of the November 1, 2000, Digital Television Construction Deadline*, 16 FCC Rcd 8122, at ¶ 11 (2001) (delays of equipment delivery and lack of available construction crews are circumstances beyond the licensee's control warranting the extension of DTV construction deadlines). Therefore, given the licensee's good faith efforts to deploy a digital facility, and the importance of ensuring that viewers continue to receive digital signals, the public interest would be served by the grant of this waiver request and allowing KLEW-DT the additional time to comply with the replication/maximization deadline.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


Kimberly A. Lacey

cc: (w/attachments)
Shaun Maher (via electronic mail)

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Attachment A



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June 14, 2006

Mr. Kelly Alford
Vice President, CIO
Engineering/IT
Fisher Communications
Seattle, WA

Kelly,

In our telephone conversation of June 9th I advised you that regrettably, LARCAN will not be able to meet the desired delivery date for Magnum 7.5kW transmitter at Fisher Communications station, KLEW-DT in Lewiston, Idaho.

We have experienced a component shortage in a part integral to the power supplies for your Magnum transmitter at this site. Our supplier has committed delivery to our manufacturing facility by Friday, June 16th latest. Installation of said parts into the power supplies will be completed by early next week. Our technicians will then require sufficient time with the transmitter running at full power in our test bay prior to release. Shipment will only happen June 17th, making delivery and installation prior to July 1st obviously impossible.

Currently the balance of the transmitter is completed, in our test bay, awaiting the power supplies. I can advise you that the transmitters for KEPR-DT and KPIC -DT have been delivered this week. KIDK-DT is to be transported from our facility on June 16th, for delivery on site by June 20th. If there is any clarification required on this issue or any other, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve McDonald".

Steve McDonald
Vice President, Sales
LARCAN Inc.
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