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RE: Request for Extension of Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline, KOHD(TV), Bend, OR (Facility ID 166534)

Dear Licensee:

On May 20, 2015, Section 73.622(i) of the Commission's rules was amended to change the channel for KOHD(TV), Bend, Oregon ("KOHD"), licensed to TDS Broadcasting LLC ("TDS Broadcasting") from channel 51 to channel 18 in order to eliminate potential interference to and from wireless operations in the Lower 700 MHz A Block.<sup>1</sup> Six days later, on May 26, 2015, the Licensee filed a letter requesting a one-month extension of Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline, until June 29, 2015, to allow it to complete construction of its new facility on channel 18.<sup>2</sup>

The Media Bureau designated May 29, 2015, as the Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline,<sup>3</sup> the date by which full power and Class A facilities must be licensed in order to be eligible for protection in the repacking process and relinquishment of spectrum usage rights in the reverse auction. For the reasons set forth in TDS Broadcasting's request, as well as the Commission's interest in facilitating broadcaster's moves off channel 51,<sup>4</sup> we find that good cause exists and will provide a limited extension of the Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline for KOHD to complete construction of its channel 18 facility.

Accordingly, we grant the Licensee an extension of the Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline until **June 29, 2015**. By that date, the Licensee must file an application for license to cover of its digital

<sup>1</sup> *Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Bend, Oregon)*, MB Docket No.15-88, RM 11747, Report and Order, DA 15-584 (rel. May 14, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> Request for Extension of Incentive Auction Protection Cutoff filed by TDS Broadcasting (May 26, 2015) available at: [http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/getimportletter\\_exh.cgi?import\\_letter\\_id=58436](http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/getimportletter_exh.cgi?import_letter_id=58436).

<sup>3</sup> *Media Bureau Designates May 29, 2015 as Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 393 (MB 2015).

<sup>4</sup> See *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, GN Docket No. 12-268, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6659, para. 203 (concluding that the minimal impact that protecting relocated channel 51 facilities would have on the Commission's repacking flexibility is outweighed by the public interest benefit of clearing broadcast operations from channel 51 as expeditiously as possible in order to promote deployment of wireless broadband service in the 700 MHz A Block); see also *General Freeze on the Filing and Processing of Applications for Channel 51 Effective Immediately and Sixty (60) Day Amendment Window for Pending Channel 51 Low Power Television, TV Translator and Class A Applications*, Public Notice, 26 FCC Rcd 11409 (2011)(lifting the freeze on channel substitution rulemaking petitions for stations seeking to relocate from channel 51 pursuant to a voluntary relocation agreement).

construction permit (FCC Form 2100, Schedule B) in order for its proposed channel 18 facility to be protected in the repacking process and eligible for participation in the reverse auction. While protecting KOHD's substitute facility rather than its channel 51 facility will not significantly impact our repacking flexibility, failing to complete construction of its channel 19 facility by **June 29, 2015**, would undermine our ability to ensure a stable database and prepare for the reverse auction and repacking process. Therefore, should the Licensee fail to finish construction by this extended deadline, only the Station's license authorization on file with the Commission as of May 29, 2015, will be considered for purposes of the incentive auction.

Sincerely,



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