

## **Request for Special Temporary Authority**

Media Holdco, LP (“Transferor”) and Scripps Media, LLC hereby request Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to allow consummation of a transfer of control application for **two transmit/receive earth stations** associated with the transfer of control of the ION Television Network (“ITN”) and ION Media Network Inc.’s (“ION”) full power television stations to Scripps Media, Inc. (“Scripps”), and the assignment of several full-power television licenses from Scripps to INYO Broadcast Holdings, LLC (“INYO”) (the “Transaction”). ION, Scripps, and INYO intend to consummate the Transaction as early as December 31, 2020. Unfortunately, the transfer of control applications for the instant authorization will not be grantable on that date. The requested STA would permit Scripps to hold and operate the earth station authorizations on a temporary basis while the Commission processes the application described herein, and is necessary to permit expeditious consummation of the Transaction as early as December 31, 2020.

### **The Transaction**

On October 13, 2020, ION, Scripps, and INYO filed applications with the Commission seeking approval of the transfer of control of 71 full-power television stations controlled by ION to Scripps and the assignment of 23 full-power television stations from Scripps to INYO.<sup>1</sup> As described in the applications, the Transaction promotes the public interest by vastly increasing the availability of high quality and diverse free over-the-air programming content that competes directly with the services available via paid programming services. This increase in the supply of high-quality free content will also spur increased competition in the fast-evolving video programming marketplace. The Commission granted the applications on December 15, 2020.<sup>2</sup>

Because the Transaction involves transfer of both the ION Network and each of its owned television stations, the Transaction also requires transfer of the other license assets used and useful in the operation of those properties. This includes a primary and a backup transmit/receive earth station used in the nationwide satellite distribution of ITN programming. These assets are crucial to the operation of both the ITN and the associated television stations.

### **Earth Station Authorizations for E150101 and E920199**

ION is seeking the Commission’s consent to the transfer of the authorizations for two transmit/receive earth stations, E920199, in Clearwater, Florida, and E150101, Shelby, Tennessee (the “Earth Station Authorizations”).<sup>3</sup> Earth Station E920199 is a key element of the ITN’s nationwide satellite distribution system. ION-affiliated stations in more than 70 markets across the United States depend on that facility to ensure that they receive ION Network programming. Earth Station E150101 is a backup facility for E920199 and handles distribution of ION Network programming during any disruptions in the operation of E920199.

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<sup>1</sup> Those applications were placed on public notice on November 6, 2020. MB Docket 20-369, DA 20-1324 (See also Exhibit for File Numbers for individual Media Bureau transfer applications).

<sup>2</sup> (See attached list of FCC file numbers and copies of the FCC authorizations, Form 732).

<sup>3</sup> FCC File Number SES-T/C-20201209-01313.

Each of these earth stations is critical to the operation of the ITN. It is therefore essential that the authorizations for these earth stations transfer from ION to Scripps at the same time as the other assets involved in the Transaction.

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The application for transfer of both the Earth Station Authorizations was filed on December 9, 2020 and was placed on public notice on December 16, 2020. Thus, the application will not be eligible for grant by December 31, 2020 under normal Commission processing procedures. Grant of this request will allow the Parties to maintain uninterrupted operations of the ITN and its dozens of local television station affiliates across the country.

To permit the parties to consummate the Transaction, ION and Scripps request that Scripps be granted special temporary authority to hold and operate the transmit/receive earth stations pursuant to the existing authorizations beginning on December 31, 2020 and ending on the date Scripps is permitted to consummate its acquisition of the licenses for those facilities. The parties expect that an STA through January 31, 2020 should be sufficient. Grant of the requested STA would serve the public interest by permitting completion of a transaction that the Commission has already deemed to serve the public interest. Granting Scripps authorization to operate these facilities under the current licenses will ensure uninterrupted service to ION television viewers across the country. In light of the high value of the interests that would be served by the requested authority and the very short duration of the request, ION and Scripps submit that the requested relief serves the public interest and should be granted.

ATTACHMENT

Media Bureau Transfer of Control File Numbers

<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Community of License</b>	<b>Facility ID</b>	<b>Application File Nos.</b>
WPXN-TV	New York, NY	73356	BTCCDT-20201013ACC
KILM	Inglewood, CA	63865	BTCCDT-20201013ABV
KPXN-TV	San Bernardino, CA	58978	BTCCDT-20201013AAU
WCPX-TV	Chicago, IL	10981	BTCCDT-20201013AAZ
WPPX-TV	Wilmington, DE	51984	BTCCDT-20201013ABU
KPXD-TV	Arlington, TX	68834	BTCCDT-20201013AAR
KKPX-TV	San Jose, CA	22644	BTCCDT-20201013ABS
WPXW-TV	Manassas, VA	74091	BTCCDT-20201013ABL
WWPX-TV	Martinsburg, WV	23264	BTCCDT-20201013ABR
KPXB-TV	Conroe, TX	58835	BTCCDT-20201013AAQ
WPXV-TV	Boston, MA	7692	BTCCDT-20201013ACH
WDPX-TV	Woburn, MA	6476	BTCCDT-20201013ACI
WPXG-TV	Concord, NH	48406	BTCCDT-20201013ACJ
WPXA-TV	Rome, GA	51969	BTCCDT-20201013ABE
WXPX-TV	Bradenton, FL	6601	BTCCDT-20201013ACF
KWPX-TV	Bellevue, WA	56852	BTCCDT-20201013ABX
KPXM-TV	St. Cloud, MN	35907	BTCCDT-20201013ABT
WPXM-TV	Miami, FL	48608	BTCCDT-20201013ACB
WOPX-TV	Melbourne, FL	67602	BTCCDT-20201013ABD
KSPX-TV	Sacramento, CA	52953	BTCCDT-20201013AAV
KPXG-TV	Salem, OR	5801	BTCCDT-20201013AAS
WRBU	East St. Louis, IL	57221	BTCCDT-20201013ACE
WINP-TV	Pittsburgh, PA	41314	BTCCDT-20201013ABA
WFPX-TV	Archer Lodge, NC	21245	BTCCDT-20201013ABY
WRPX-TV	Rocky Mount, NC	20590	BTCCDT-20201013ABN
WNPX-TV	Franklin, TN	28468	BTCCDT-20201013ACA
KUPX-TV	Provo, UT	57884	BTCCDT-20201013AAX
KPXL-TV	Uvalde, TX	61173	BTCCDT-20201013AAT
WSFJ-TV	London, OH	11118	BTCCDT-20201013ABO
WPXE-TV	Kenosha, WI	37104	BTCCDT-20201013ABG
KMCC	Laughlin, NV	41237	BTCCDT-20201013AAP

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WPXC-TV	Brunswick, GA	71236	BTCCDT-20201013ABF
WPXL-TV	New Orleans, LA	21729	BTCCDT-20201013ABI
WPXQ-TV	Newport, RI	50063	BTCCDT-20201013ABJ
KTPX-TV	Okmulgee, OK	7078	BTCCDT-20201013AAW
WQPX-TV	Scranton, PA	64690	BTCCDT-20201013ABM
WPXK-TV	Jellico, TN	52628	BTCCDT-20201013ABH
WKOI-TV	Richmond, IN	67869	BTCCDT-20201013ABB
KFPX-TV	Newton, IA	81509	BTCCDT-20201013AAO
WPXR-TV	Roanoke, VA	70251	BTCCDT-20201013ACD
WLPX-TV	Charleston, WV	73189	BTCCDT-20201013ABC
WZRB	Columbia, SC	136750	BTCCDT-20201013ACG
WIPL	Lewiston, ME	48408	BTCCDT-20201013ABZ
WSPX-TV	Syracuse, NY	64352	BTCCDT-20201013ABP
KPXR-TV	Cedar Rapids, IA	21156	BTCCDT-20201013ABW
WEPX-TV	Greenville, NC	81508	BTCCDT-20201013AAZ
WPXU-TV	Jacksonville, NC	37971	BTCCDT-20201013ABK
WTPX-TV	Antigo, WI	86496	BTCCDT-20201013ABQ



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Licensee/Permittee: ION TELEVISION LICENSE, LLC  
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CLASS	CALL SIGN	FACILITY ID	FILE#	STATION LOCATION	AUXILIARY STATIONS
DT	KFPX-TV	81509	BTCCDT-20201013AAO	NEWTON, IA	ALL CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED AUXILIARY STATIONS
DT	KMCC	41237	BTCCDT-20201013AAP	LAUGHLIN, NV	
DT	KPXB-TV	58835	BTCCDT-20201013AAQ	CONROE, TX	
DT	KPXD-TV	68834	BTCCDT-20201013AAR	ARLINGTON, TX	
DT	KPXG-TV	5801	BTCCDT-20201013AAS	SALEM, OR	
DT	KPXL-TV	61173	BTCCDT-20201013AAT	UVALDE, TX	
DT	KPXN-TV	58978	BTCCDT-20201013AAU	SAN BERNARDINO, CA	
DT	KSPX-TV	52953	BTCCDT-20201013AAV	SACRAMENTO, CA	
DT	KTPX-TV	7078	BTCCDT-20201013AAW	OKMULGEE, OK	
DT	KUPX-TV	57884	BTCCDT-20201013AAX	PROVO, UT	
DT	WCPX-TV	10981	BTCCDT-20201013AAY	CHICAGO, IL	
DT	WEPX-TV	81508	BTCCDT-20201013AAZ	GREENVILLE, NC	
DT	WINP-TV	41314	BTCCDT-20201013ABA	PITTSBURGH, PA	
DT	WKOI-TV	67869	BTCCDT-20201013ABB	RICHMOND, IN	
DT	WLPX-TV	73189	BTCCDT-20201013ABC	CHARLESTON, WV	
DT	WOPX-TV	67602	BTCCDT-20201013ABD	MELBOURNE, FL	
DT	WPXA-TV	51969	BTCCDT-20201013ABE	ROME, GA	
DT	WPXC-TV	71236	BTCCDT-20201013ABF	BRUNSWICK, GA	
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DT	WPXW-TV	74091	BTCCDT-20201013ABL	MANASSAS, VA	
DT	WQPX-TV	64690	BTCCDT-20201013ABM	SCRANTON, PA	
DT	WRPX-TV	20590	BTCCDT-20201013ABN	ROCKY MOUNT, NC	
DT	WSFJ-TV	11118	BTCCDT-20201013ABO	LONDON, OH	
DT	WSPX-TV	64352	BTCCDT-20201013ABP	SYRACUSE, NY	
DT	WTPX-TV	86496	BTCCDT-20201013ABQ	ANTIGO, WI	
DT	WWPX-TV	23264	BTCCDT-20201013ABR	MARTINSBURG, WV	
DT	KKPX-TV	22644	BTCCDT-20201013ABS	SAN JOSE, CA	
DT	KPXM-TV	35907	BTCCDT-20201013ABT	ST. CLOUD, MN	
DT	WPPX-TV	51984	BTCCDT-20201013ABU	WILMINGTON, DE	

1. Grant of WPPX,-TV, KKPX-TV, and KPXM-TV applications is conditioned upon prior or concurrent consummation of sale of WPIX, New York, NY (File No. BALCDT-20200901AAB).

2. Grant is conditioned upon prior or concurrent consummation of sale of divestiture stations to INYO Broadcast Holdings, LLC, lead call signs KGPX-TV (File Nos. BALCDT-20201013ACP-ADJ) and KTRV-TV (File Nos. BALCDT-20201013ACK-ACO).

3 Grant of continued exceptions to the local television ownership rule permitting stations WPPX-TV and WPXU-TV to operate as "satellites" of stations WPXW-TV and WEPX-TV, respectively, is consistent with the streamlined standards set forth in Streamlined Reauthorization Procedures for Assigned and Transferred Television Stations, 33 FCC Rcd 3321 (2019) since the applicants have (1) certified that there has been no material change in the circumstances underlying the previous grant of satellite status; and (2) the applicants have provided a copy of the previous satellite authorization,

4. Grant of the applications while certain renewals remain pending is consistent with precedent since (1) none of the pending applications present character issues; and (2) the buyer has agreed to stand in the shoes of the seller in any pending application,

Subject to the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, subsequent acts and treaties, and all regulations heretofore or hereafter made by this Commission, and further subject to the conditions set forth in this permit, the permittee is hereby authorized to construct the radio transmitting apparatus herein described. Installation and adjustment of equipment not specifically set forth herein shall be in accordance with representations contained in the permittee's application for construction permit except for such modifications as are presently permitted, without application, by the Commission's Rules.

New Commission rules which become effective on February 16, 1999, have a bearing on this construction permit. See Report & Order, Streamlining of Mass Media Applications, MM Docket No. 98-43, 13 FCC RCD 23056, Para. 77-90 (November 25, 1998); 63 Fed. Reg. 70039 (December 18, 1998). Pursuant to these new rules, this construction permit will be subject to automatic forfeiture unless construction is complete and an application for license to cover is filed prior to expiration. See Section 73.3598.

Equipment and program tests shall be conducted only pursuant to Sections 74.13 and 74.14 of the Commission's Rules.

Subject to the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, subsequent acts and treaties, and all regulations heretofore or hereafter made by this Commission, and further subject to the conditions set forth in this license, the licensee is hereby authorized to use and operate the radio transmitting apparatus hereindescribed.

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Under authority of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the consent of the Federal Communications Commission is hereby granted to the transaction indicated above.

The Commission's consent to the above is based on the representations made by the applicants that the statements contained in, or made in connection with, the application are true and that the undertakings of the parties upon which this transaction is authorized will be carried out in good faith.

The actual consummation of voluntary transactions shall be completed within 90 days from the date hereof, and notice in letter form thereof shall promptly be furnished to the Commission by the seller or buyer showing the date the acts necessary to effect the transaction were completed. Upon furnishing the Commission with such written notice, this transaction will be considered completed for all purposes related to the above described station(s).



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DT	WBPX-TV	7692	BTCCDT-20201013ACH	BOSTON, MA	ALL CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED AUXILIARY STATIONS
DT	WDPX-TV	6476	BTCCDT-20201013ACI	WOBURN, MA	
DT	WPXG-TV	48406	BTCCDT-20201013ACJ	CONCORD, NH	

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2 Grant of a continued exception to the local television ownership rule to permit WPXG-TV to operate as a "satellite" of station WBPX-TV is consistent with the streamlined standards set forth in Streamlined Reauthorization Procedures for Assigned and Transferred Television Stations, 33 FCC Rcd 3321 (2019) since the applicants have (1) certified that there has been no material change in the circumstances underlying the previous grant of satellite status; and (2) the applicants have provided a copy of the previous satellite authorization,

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DT	KPXR-TV	21156	BTCCDT-20201013ABW	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	
DT	KWPX-TV	56852	BTCCDT-20201013ABX	BELLEVUE, WA	
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DT	WZRB	136750	BTCCDT-20201013ACG	COLUMBIA, SC	

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