

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
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CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA ) File No. 0008248202  
Licensee of Trunked 700 MHz Public Safety )  
Station WQNH254 )

**ORDER**

**Adopted: December 19, 2018**

**Released: December 19, 2018**

By the Chief, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The City of Long Beach, California (Long Beach or the City) timely applied to extend until June, 2019, the construction deadline applicable to its 700 MHz trunked public safety station, call sign WQNH254.<sup>1</sup> The City explained that it has ten operational channels and four channels remaining to complete their system using approved grant funding but the State of California’s review of the City’s sole source request has caused delays.<sup>2</sup> The City seeks additional time to implement the remaining four channels.<sup>3</sup> In support of its proposal, the City included its extended implementation schedule and an approval letter authorizing the purchase of additional equipment.<sup>4</sup> We grant the City’s application and extend its construction deadline until June 17, 2019.

**II. DISCUSSION**

2. Sections 1.946(e) and 90.155(g) of the Commission’s rules provide that licensees may request an extension of time to commence services before the expiration of the construction period.<sup>5</sup> The City has met those requirements.

3. We find that granting the City a one-year extension through June 17, 2019, will serve the underlying purpose of the rule governing extensions, which is to avoid spectrum hoarding but still provide an adequate time to construct a large, complex communications system. The City has adequately explained the conditions which prevented it from completing construction by June 17, 2018. Extending the construction period through June 17, 2019 should provide ample time for the City to activate the remaining four channels in its system. Granting the further extension is in the public interest considering

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<sup>1</sup> FCC File No. 0008248202, attached letter from John Black, Wireless Communications Officer, City of Long Beach Technology and Innovation Department to Federal Communications Commission Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (June 12, 2018) (Extension Letter). The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) detailed the history of WQNH254 in a prior order granting Long Beach an extension of its construction deadline until June 17, 2018. *See City of Long Beach, California*, Order on Reconsideration, 32 FCC Rcd 10213, (PSHSB 2017).

<sup>2</sup> *See* Extension Letter.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Letter from Darren Tsang, Unit Supervisor, Cal OES to Caitlin Ishigooka, Director of Grants & Finance, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti (dated June 14, 2018) attached to FCC File No. 0008248202.

<sup>5</sup> 47 CFR §§ 1.946(e); 90.155(g). Extensions are granted only if the licensee shows that the failure to commence service is due to causes beyond its control.

the complexity of the integrated interoperability system Long Beach has implemented. The system, which serves multiple public safety entities, will support emergency services and Homeland Security initiatives.

**III. ORDERING CLAUSES**

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to Sections 4(i) and 405 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 405, and Sections 1.946; 90.155; 90.551 and 90.629 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.946; 90.155, 90.551 and 90.629, the request for extended implementation filed by the City of Long Beach, California on June 13, 2017 IS GRANTED.

5. This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.191 and 0.392 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.191, 0.392.

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