

EXHIBIT 1

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DTV CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE

Viacom Inc. is the parent company of Viacom Broadcasting of Seattle, Inc., the licensee of WGNT-TV and permittee of WGNT-DT, Portsmouth, VA. For the reasons set forth below, Viacom respectfully requests a six-month extension of time within which to complete construction of the facilities of WGNT-DT.

Viacom, directly or through licensee subsidiaries, is the owner of 34 full-service television stations, including thirteen stations in the top 30 television markets that carry the programming of the CBS Television Network. Of these 13 stations, all are presently on the air with either their full allotted DTV facilities, or with facilities meeting the interim requirements set forth by the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration*, MM Docket No. 00-39, 16 FCC Rcd 20594 (2001) ("*Reconsideration Order*"). In addition, two of three of the other CBS affiliated stations owned by Viacom are now on the air with the required digital signals. All of these stations are broadcasting the CBS Television Network's industry-leading schedule of high definition programming, which during the 2001-2002 television season will include 15 to 17 hours per week of prime-time programming, in addition to the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament, the AFC Playoffs, SEC College Football, the NCAA Final Four, the Masters Golf Tournament, and THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS, the first daily daytime drama to be broadcast in high definition.

Three Viacom owned stations carrying the programming of the United Paramount Network, all of which are in top 10 television markets, have completed construction of their full allotted digital facilities. In addition, WTOG-TV, Tampa, is currently expected to go on the air with its allotted facilities by the May 1, 2002 deadline.

Of the remaining Viacom owned UPN affiliates, five have construction permit applications or channel change petitions pending, and thus have not been able to begin construction of their digital facilities. According to advice provided to Viacom by FCC staff, extension applications need not be filed for these stations. Thus, Viacom is presently filing 14 applications for an extension of time in which to complete construction, four of which are for satellite television stations whose parents' digital facilities are presently on the air. All but three of these 14 stations are expected to be broadcasting digitally by November 1, 2002.

In short, Viacom has worked diligently to implement digital television at its owned stations; indeed, the extensive schedule of high definition programming presented by the CBS Television Network unquestionably makes Viacom one of the leaders of the digital transition.

Despite this commitment to digital television, Viacom has not yet been able to complete the construction of WGNT-DT. The construction permit for the station was not granted until October 15, 2001. Since that time, the station's digital transmitter has been delivered and is now being installed, and its DTV antenna and transmission line have been ordered. In addition, necessary modifications to the transmitter building have been completed. However, due to the unavailability of tower crews, it will not be possible to make required tower modifications, and then install the DTV antenna and transmission

line, until June 2002. Viacom anticipates that WGNT-DT will go on the air with its full allotted facilities on or about September 1, 2002, approximately eleven months after the grant of its construction permit.

In view of the foregoing, we respectfully submit that a six-month extension of WGNT-DT's construction permit is warranted.