

KYTV CP Extension Request

Gray Television Licensee, LLC, the licensee of KYTV, Springfield, Missouri (FID 36003) (KYTV), hereby requests an extension of its post-auction construction permit for Channel 19 (File No. 33931). KYTV is operating on its post-auction channel assignment using an interim facility as authorized by Special Temporary Authority (File No. 58832). However, due to circumstances outside of its control, KYTV will not be able to complete construction of its final authorized facility by the Phase 1 deadline of November 30, 2018.¹ Gray requests an extension of up to one hundred and eighty days (180) to complete construction of the KYTV post-auction facility.

Section 73.3700(b)(5) provides that the Media Bureau may grant an extension of time up to six months for stations that are unable to complete construction of their post-auction facilities “due to circumstances that are either unforeseeable or beyond licensee’s control.”² Circumstances meeting this standard could include “delays in construction due to the unavailability of equipment or a tower crew.”³

To complete construction of its post-auction authorized facility, the current Channel 44 top-mount antenna must be removed and replaced with a Channel 19 top-mount antenna. The existing transmission line must be refurbished with new inner conductors. The new Channel 19 transmitter must be installed.

KYTV entered into a contract with Precision Communications (Precision) to complete the tower work. Precision’s arrival at the KYTV tower has been delayed multiple times. Precision has one team member that is a specialist in top-mount antennas and KYTV’s build out requires his expertise. Precision currently expects to arrive at the KYTV site on Monday, November 26. The KYTV tower work and antenna replacement will take 34 days—provided the weather cooperates. Any severe weather, including rain, wind or snow, will delay construction.

KYTV has also encountered a delay with the installation of its transmitter. Despite repeated requests, Gates Air has not provided a date when its crew can install the transmitter.

Therefore, based on this information, Gray requests an extension of up to 180 days to allow KYTV to complete construction of its post-auction facility.

¹ Gray requests that the Media Bureau accept this request for extension of its construction permit as late filed. 73.3700(b)(5)(iv) requires the filing of an extension request at least ninety (90) days prior to a station’s construction permit deadline. As explained above, the station did not have confirmation until recently that its vendors would not be able to complete the build out by the deadline.

² 73.3700(b)(5)(i).

³ 73.3700(b)(5)(ii)(B).