

Tribune Broadcasting Oklahoma City License, LLC
KAUT-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Facility ID 50182)
FCC Form 337

Tribune Broadcasting Oklahoma City License, LLC, licensee of KAUT-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma ("KAUT"), hereby requests an extension of 180 days in which to complete construction of the repacked facilities for KAUT as authorized in File No. 0000054735.¹ As part of the Phase 2 group of the FCC's transition plan, KAUT planned to have construction complete, testing conducted and the switch of on-air operations from Channel 40 to 19 complete by the April 12, 2019 deadline.

Due to circumstances beyond its control, construction of the authorized facilities is not yet complete, and therefore an extension of time is respectfully requested.

KAUT initially scheduled its construction project between November 12, 2018 to January 22, 2019 on the tower which it owns. In preparation for the work, KAUT filed for and received special temporary authority to operate on its repacked Channel 19 from an interim facility so as to allow tower work to occur. See File No. 0000063619. KAUT has therefore been off its pre-repack Channel 40 since December 2018.

KAUT makes use of a shared antenna and combiner for both it and the operations of KOPX-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a tenant on the tower. The tower crew arrived in early December, delayed by three weeks due to weather delays that occurred at their previous project. The delivery of the antenna and transmission line was also postponed due to the holidays and the weather and arrived a month late. Oklahoma City then experienced an excessive amount of rain and cold which forced the tower crew to postpone and move to another repack project.

Notwithstanding these unforeseen difficulties, the Station was able to take advantage of a helicopter lift for the antenna installation to save time. The tower crew is currently onsite and installing the transmission line. The station has completed construction of the transmitter, transmitter building and power system. Once the line installation is complete, the station anticipates one week of RF testing and tuning and then will be ready to complete construction and commence permanent on-air operations. High winds in the area during the spring cause an unsafe work environment so there is still the potential for delays.

Even with these obstacles, KAUT expects to have construction complete within the next 2-3 weeks. And as noted, KAUT already made the transition to its repack channel so there should be no negative impact to wireless entities as a result of this extension request. KAUT has sent notices to the MVPDs and educated its viewers with on-air notices as to the channel change, mitigating any viewer disruption.

For the reasons shown herein, KAUT respectfully requests an extension of time in which to complete construction of its authorized repack facilities.

¹ See 47 CFR §73.3700(b)(5); see also Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Announce Procedures for the Post-Incentive Auction Broadcast Transition, 32 FCC Rcd 858, 872 (MB 2017) . While this extension request is being filed after the 90-day extension date, the Station submits that good reason exists for granting this request as shown above.