

2Q19 Transition Plan Progress Report

WETA will not receive all necessary equipment in time to meet its Phase 4 construction deadline for its main facility. As previously explained, WETA's transition plan calls for, among other things, replacement of a multi-party combiner at WETA's main transmission site. Replacement of the combiner is necessary because the existing combiner is incompatible with WETA's new channel assignment. While WETA's landlord has ordered the new combiner, the anticipated delivery date of the new combiner is in September 2019, which means that the new combiner will not be installed and ready until after the end of Phase 4.

As previously explained, WETA does not have the right to unilaterally replace the combiner and must coordinate with DCJTV in order for the new combiner to be installed and put into service. In addition, WETA still needs to reach terms on an amendment to its lease with its landlord to permit installation and use of the new combiner. Moreover, DCJTV has not yet resolved all issues relating to the cost of the new combiner – namely, how the full costs of the new combiner can be assessed and then paid for out of reimbursement funds. With the combiner now on order, WETA has proceeded with its plans for the other equipment necessary for its repacked main facility.

WETA intends to operate from its interim site (on 19th Road in Arlington, Virginia) until issues with the repack of its main transmission facility can be resolved satisfactorily. Tower preparations at the interim site have been completed; the interim antenna installation and interim transmission line work are now in process. WETA expects to test its interim facility during the early part of Phase 4 and to transition to its interim facility during the last week of July 2019.