

Request for Special Temporary Authority

Meredith Corporation, licensee of WGGB-TV, Springfield, Massachusetts (“Meredith”), hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for WGGB-TV to operate on its post-repack channel, Channel 26, utilizing an interim antenna.

WGGB-TV has a construction permit for its post-repack operations (FCC File No.0000024834). While WGGB-TV plans to transition to its new post-auction channel during its assigned repack phase (Phase 4), WGGB-TV has been told by its manufacturer that delivery of its main antenna will be delayed. Under the new delivery schedule, WGGB will be unable to complete the extensive reconstruction required at WGGB-TV’s post-repack facility by the Phase 4 deadline of August 2, 2019.

Accordingly, WGGB-TV hereby requests STA to move to an interim antenna on its post-auction channel. On its transition date, currently planned for August 2, 2019, WGGB-TV will move to its interim antenna on its post-auction channel and will continue to operate on its interim antenna until the main antenna for WGGB-TV is installed and made operational. WGGB has already filed an application to extend the construction permit period for its permanent post-auction facilities to February 2, 2020 (FCC File No. 0000073509).

Due to the unanticipated project delays explained above, Meredith respectfully seeks STA to transition to Channel 26 with an interim antenna during its assigned Phase 4 while it completes construction of its primary post-auction repack facilities.