

WLIW(DT) – Request for Extension of Construction Permit

WNET, licensee of station WLIW(DT), Garden City, New York (“WLIW”), hereby requests an extension of its Construction Permit (“CP”) (File No.: 0000074687) due to circumstances beyond its control, and a waiver of the rules to the extent necessary. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹ WLIW hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for up to 180 days from August 2, 2019, *i.e.*, until January 29, 2020.

WLIW is assigned to transition from Channel 21 to Channel 32 in Phase 4 of the repack. WLIW’s transition plan calls for, among other things the use of two shared combiners to achieve full power.

WLIW recently was informed that there will be a delay in the retuning of the second combiner until after August 2. WLIW will need to operate at reduced power until the retuning is complete and therefore, will not be operating in accordance with its authorized post-transition facilities (LMS File No. 0000074687). Thus, WLIW respectfully requests a CP extension to complete construction and will be concurrently filing an STA to operate on its post-repack channel at reduced power while the second combiner is retuned. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because, prior to the completion of Phase 4, WLIW will still transition to its post-transition channel.

WLIW will cease operations on its pre-auction facilities and begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel utilizing the above-referenced temporary facilities prior to the end of Phase 4.

¹ This request has been filed fewer than 90 days before WLIW’s current construction deadline. The station only recently learned that one of the combiners located at the transmitter site, which is shared with several other New York stations, will need to be retuned after WLIW transitions to its post-auction channel. WLIW thus respectfully requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).