

WSKG Public Telecommunications Council
Noncommercial Educational Station WSKG-TV, Binghamton, NY

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PHASE ASSIGNMENT, TESTING PERIOD,
AND PHASE COMPLETION DATE

WSKG Public Telecommunications Council (“WSKG”) seeks to change its Transition Phase, and corresponding testing dates and construction completion deadlines, for noncommercial educational (PBS Member) Station WSKG-TV, Binghamton, NY (the “Station”). The Station was assigned to Transition Phase 4. Due to unexpected eleventh-hour equipment malfunctions associated with re-using its existing antenna and transition line for repack -- discovered last week during Phase 4 testing -- WSKG cannot meet the Phase 4 deadline. WSKG must now completely redesign its transition plans and repack budget. WSKG now seeks to transition the Station in Phase 10 to allow it time to arrange its new transition plan, its new transition budget, the new transition schedule and additional transition vendors for equipment and services. WSKG’s pre-transition channel is Channel 50 – in the 600 MHz band --such that changing its Transition Phase has no impact at all on other transitioning broadcast stations or the transition schedule.

Good cause exists for changing the assigned Transition Phase because it will preserve public television service to multiple rural counties in upstate New York and surrounding areas. See coverage map at: <https://wskg.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/WSKGCoverageMap-1-1.pdf>

To aid with viewer rescans, WSKG will broadcast more than the required amount of PSAs during the 30 days prior to transition (with particular emphasis on the day of and immediately before its transition date), will conduct robust outreach to its viewers about rescans, and will provide additional rescan guidance on its website and in its viewer guide. To the extent

possible, WSKG also will work with its local government and community partners to reach impacted viewers with rescan information.

For all these reasons and in service to the public interest, WSKG respectfully requests to change its assigned Transition Phase to Phase 10.