

AMENDMENT TO STA REQUEST

In preparation for the WIYC (the “Station”) repack, the licensee was advised pursuant to structural analysis that the WIYC tower would require substantial structural modifications.

Specifically, additional mid point guy anchors and wires would be required. In addition, every diagonal member on the tower would need to be replaced. This amount of work would take time.

The modification proposal was uploaded to the licensee’s FCC Form 399.

The licensee contracted to have the work performed by Spartacus Gin Pole, LLC. It is anticipated that the work will be finished by September 6, 2019.

The licensee has ordered a transmitter from Gates Air and an antenna from Dielectric. The licensee is currently waiting for initial payment from the Commission so that it can obtain a delivery date from the equipment manufacturer.

As set forth in the Commission’s Public Notice, DA 18-884 (August 27, 2018), in evaluating this type of request, the Commission indicated that it would evaluate factors such as the impact on viewers, the impact on other repacked stations’ access to resources, how modification to the transition schedule may disrupt deployment of new 600 MHz broadband

services and if the phase change would inhibit broadcaster ability to complete the transition within the 39-month post-auction transition period.

Woods Communications Corporation (“Woods”) confirms that in granting this request, which will result in a simple delay in changing the Station’s channel, that there will be no impact on viewers. Instead of having to undergo channel rescans in September 2019, it would be done in mid-to-late October 2019. In addition, the change will not impact any other stations and will not create any new linked-station sets. There may be a minimal impact on deployment of new 600 MHz broadband services, as there will be a slight delay in making available the frequencies associated with the current WIYC channel. However, overall, changing the Station’s phase to Phase 7 will not inhibit broadcasters’ ability to complete the transition within the 39-month post-auction transition period.

Woods acknowledges that its viewers will have to undergo an additional channel rescan in mid-to-late-October 2019. Woods pledges full compliance with 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700 relating to viewers/consumer education. Woods will air multiple PSAs and multiple crawls prior to the Station’s planned transition date. In addition, the Station’s website will contain information for viewers regarding the rescan.