

Request for Extension of Time to Construct

Victory Christian Center, Inc., (VCC") license of WGTB-CD, Fac. ID No. 70097, Charlotte, NC, requests an extension of time to complete the facilities authorized in its re-pack construction permit, File No. 0000028505 as modified by File No. by File No. 0000080004, granted 8/13/2019.

VCC requests that the Media Bureau accept this request for extension of its construction permit as late filed. While 73.3700(b)(5)(iv) requires the filing of an extension request at least ninety (90) days prior to a station's construction permit deadline, the circumstances described below support grant.

WGTB-CD will transition to its post auction channel by the Phase 5 deadline by operating with its present facilities pursuant to an STA which is simultaneously being requested.

File No. 0000080004, which modified the construction permit to authorize 15 kW, was filed shortly after the release of DA No. 19-684, on July 22, 2019 which lifted the freeze on modification applications to expand the contours of Full-Service and Class A stations. The application was accepted for filing on August 6, 2019 and granted on August 13 and is set to expire on September 6, 2019.

Section 73.3700(b)(5) provides that the Media Bureau may grant an extension of time up to six months for stations that are unable to complete construction of their post-auction facilities "due to circumstances that are either unforeseeable or beyond licensee's control." Circumstances meeting this standard could include "delays in construction due to the unavailability of equipment or a tower crew."

However, the manufacturer can't deliver the antenna and mask filter for the increased power at this time. Further, scheduling a tower crew is very difficult due to the uncertainty of the equipment delivery. Therefore, the licensee is prevented from implementing the modified construction permit by September 6, 2019.

The licensee has been diligent in completing its re-pack transition but was delayed by the freeze and the subsequent grant. In light of the manufacturer's delays and the contingent uncertainty of scheduling a tower crew, the licensee respectfully requests a 180 day extension of time to construct the facilities authorized in File No. 0000080004.