

WMYA-TV – Request for STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

Anderson (WFBC-TV) Licensee, Inc., licensee of station WMYA-TV, Anderson, SC, FIN 56548 (“WMYA”), hereby requests special temporary authority (STA), due to circumstances beyond its control, to operate on interim facilities while its permanent facilities are completed, and further requests a waiver of the Commission’s rules to the extent necessary. WMYA hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days from August 30, 2019 until February 26, 2020.

WMYA is assigned to transition from Channel 14 to Channel 35 in Phase 5 of the repack.

WMYA’s post-repack top-mounted antenna installation via helicopter is complete and the station’s interim transmitter is expected to be ready for operation on August 30, 2019, with cutover to the station’s new post-repack channel expected on that date. The station plans to use its interim transmitter along with its permanent top-mounted antenna to operate using interim STA facilities at lower power. After August 30, the pre-transition transmitter must be demolished and removed due to space limitations within the transmitter building. Electrical upgrades will also need to be completed to allow for full installation of the new full power transmitter. WMYA has been delayed in these undertakings due to the delayed timing of the transmitter installation crews.

Because of these delays, WMYA will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 5 on September 6, 2019. Thus, WMYA respectfully requests an STA to operate on its post-repack channel from interim facilities while construction is completed on its permanent facilities. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because, prior to the completion of Phase 5, WMYA will still transition to its post-repack channel. Furthermore, grant of the instant STA request would be in the public interest because it would allow WMYA to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WMYA 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 5.