

Virginia Broadcasting, LLC
WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA
Facility ID 70309
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JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

The Engineering STA for which an extension is requested is LMS File No. 0000078123, which authorizes WVIR-TV to broadcast full-time on its post-repack Channel 2 from the time testing starts until a license to cover construction permit is filed at the end of repack Phase 5. The current STA expires at the end of Phase 5, on September 6, 1029.

Because of the inability of the equipment vendor to deliver the station's new antenna in time to allow installation before the end of Phase 5, WVIR-TV has a Legal STA application pending to move to Phase 6, ending October 18, 2019.

In order to synchronize the Engineering STA with the anticipated construction timetable, WVIR-TV requests that the Engineering STA be extended.

It is requested that the Engineering STA be extended until December 31, 2019, rather than October 18, because it is not certain at this time that the antenna will arrive in time for installation by the Phase 6 deadline. Even if the STA is extended until December 31, WVIR-TV will nevertheless terminate operation on pre-repack Channel 32 as soon as it files its application for a license to cover CP for post-repack Channel 2. Operation on Channel 32 will have to terminate promptly, because WVIR-TV must coordinate with WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, which will occupy Channel 32 post-repack. The request for a December 31 deadline is intended to avoid the need for filing a second STA extension request if commencement of operation of Channel 2 spills over slightly past the Phase 6 end date.

This Engineering STA request is only to permit operation on post-repack Channel 2 before operation on Channel 32 terminates. The Licensee understands that any extension of the Phase 6 deadline to begin broadcasting on Channel 2 will require a separate request to extend the Legal STA pertaining to the assigned repack phase.