

WFGC, Palm Beach, Florida (Fac. Id. 11123)
LMS 0000068464 STA Extension Request

WFGC holds a construction permit 0000034361 for post-auction channel 7 facilities ("Permit"), with an original expiration date of April 12, 2019. WFGC ceased operations on its pre-auction channel 49 at the end of Phase 2, commencing operations on a temporary channel 7 antenna pursuant to STA 0000068464. Those operations continue today, and an extension of the STA, which expires September 14, 2019, is now necessary for the reasons stated below.

During the most recent STA period, WFGC has worked diligently to complete construction by its extended Permit deadline of October 9, 2019. However, the Station's tower crew recently advised WFGC that it could no longer complete the installation of the full power channel 7 antenna and transmission line by the October 9, 2019 deadline. WFGC's Director of Engineering has attempted without success to hire other tower crews for an installation before the Permit expires, but none are available due to the shortage of tower crews and the current, frantic pace of post-auction channel changes. WFGC needs a further extension its STA so that it can reschedule a tower crew to perform the necessary work. WFGC has simultaneously filed a further request extend the Permit and waiver the tolling rule.