

WNGH-TV – Request for Extension of Time to Construct
LMS File No. 29684

Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, licensee of noncommercial educational TV station WNGH-TV, Chatsworth, Georgia (“WNGH”), hereby requests an extension of time to complete construction of its permanent post-auction facilities. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹ WNGH requests an additional 180 days to construct, *i.e.*, until March 4, 2020.

WNGH is assigned to transition from Channel 33 to Channel 4 in Phase 5 of the repack. WNGH’s transition plan calls for, among other things, replacement of the station’s transmitter.

WNGH transitioned to its Channel 4 facilities at 4 pm on September 3, 2019. Comark, which supplied the station’s new transmitter, was unable to deliver the amplifiers necessary to fully-power the WNGH antenna. Comark never received a shipment of amplifiers it had ordered from another vendor, and thus Comark provided WNGH with used and repaired amplifiers from their plant. These amplifiers have proven insufficient to power WNGH’s Channel 4 facilities, which are able to reach only 76% of licensed power. As a result, WNGH currently is operating from its permanent post-repack facilities at this reduced power. WNGH has, or will shortly, file a request for special temporary authority (STA) to operate on its post-repack channel from these reduced-power facilities. WNGH will complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities as soon as it is able to secure the amplifiers necessary to power its new transmitter, which Comark has estimated may take approximately one month.

Because of the delayed delivery of amplifiers for its new transmitter, WNGH will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 5 on September 11, 2019. Thus, WNGH respectfully requests that its construction permit for its post-repack facilities (LMS File No. 29684) be extended for 180 days, or until March 4, 2020. The requested extension of time will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because WNGH has ceased operations on its pre-auction facilities and has begun broadcasting on its post-auction channel over reduced-power facilities.

¹ This request has been filed fewer than 90 days before WNGH’s current construction deadline. Because the station only recently learned that Comark would be unable to supply the necessary amplifiers, WNGH only recently determined that this extension request was necessary. WNGH thus respectfully requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 3700(b)(5)(iv).