

WECT (FID 48666)
Request to Extend Construction Permit

Gray Television Licensee, LLC, the licensee of WECT, Wilmington, North Carolina (FID 48666), requests an extension of time to complete the facilities specified in the station's repack construction permit (File No. 0000034156). WECT has filed an Engineering STA requesting authority to continue operating with its pre-auction facilities for a short period of time (File No. 0000081097).

Due to circumstances outside of its control, WECT will not be able to complete construction of its final authorized facilities by the Phase 5 deadline of September 11, 2019.¹ Gray requests an extension to complete construction of the WECT post-auction facility.

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."² Circumstances meeting this standard could include "delays in construction due to the unavailability of equipment or a tower crew."³

For the reasons set forth in the Engineering STA, Gray respectfully requests an extension of the construction permit deadline of up to 120 days to allow it to complete construction of the WECT post-auction facility.

¹ Gray requests that the Media Bureau accept this request for extension of its construction permit as late filed. 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.

² 73.3700(b)(5)(i).

³ 73.3700(b)(5)(ii)(B).