

## **WHFL --- Request for STA to Operate on Interim Facilities**

Free Life Ministries, Inc. ("Free Life"), licensee of Station WHFL-CD, Goldsboro, North Carolina (Facility Id. No. 22485) 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. Free Life hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days, *i.e.*, from September 11 through March 8, 2020.

WHFL is assigned to transition from Channel 43 to Channel 7 in Phase 5 of the repack.

Free Life completed construction of the WHFL transmission facilities and the tower crew completed installation of the transmitter line, etc. in a timely manner. However, the antenna the manufacturer delivered to the site arrived late and was damaged in transition. The manufacturer is sending Free Life an interim antenna that will be installed by September 11. Free Life will be operational with interim facilities by the transition date for Phase 5. Free Life is working with the antenna manufacturer for delivery of the transmitter specified in the permit as soon as possible.

Because of this delay, Free Life will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 5 on September 11, 2019. Thus, Free Life respectfully requests an STA to operate on its post-repack channel from interim facilities while construction is completed on its permanent facilities. Free Life is concurrently filing an extension request for its permit seeking permission to transition to its post-repack channel. Further, grant of the instant STA request would be in the public interest because it would allow WHFL to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption of the overall repack.

WHFL will cease operations in its pre-auction facilities and begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel utilizing the above-referenced temporary facilities prior to the Phase 5 deadline.