

WPTO(TV) – Request for Extension of Time to Construct
LMS File No. 34602

Greater Dayton Public Television, Inc., licensee of noncommercial educational TV station WPTO(TV), Oxford, Ohio (“WPTO”), 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 WPTO requests an additional 180 days to construct, *i.e.*, until April 15, 2020.

WPTO is assigned to transition from Channel 28 to Channel 29 in Phase 6 of the repack. WNGH’s transition plan calls for, among other things, replacement of the station’s transmitter, antenna, and transmission line. WPTO had initially planned to transition to its permanent post-repack facilities on or before the October 18, 2019 end of Phase 6. WPTO has a tower crew under contract but has not been able to schedule the crew to complete the installation prior to October 18. WPTO will shortly file a request for special temporary authority (STA) to operate on its post-repack channel from reduced-power facilities. WPTO will complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities as soon as it is able to schedule a tower crew to complete the installation.

Because of the difficulty scheduling its tower crew, WPTO will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 6 on October 18, 2019. Thus, WPTO respectfully requests that its construction permit for its post-repack facilities (LMS File No. 34602) be extended for 180 days, or until April 15, 2020. The requested extension of time will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because WPTO will cease operations on its pre-auction facilities by the Phase 6 deadline and will begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel over reduced-power facilities.

¹ This request has been filed fewer than 90 days before WPTO’s current construction deadline. Because the station only recently learned that it would not be able to schedule a tower crew to complete installation of its permitted facilities, WPTO only recently determined that this extension request was necessary. WPTO thus respectfully requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 3700(b)(5)(iv).