

Tribune Broadcasting Indianapolis, LLC
WXIN(TV), Indianapolis, IN (Facility ID 146)
FCC Form 337

Tribune Broadcasting Indianapolis, LLC, licensee of WXIN(TV), Indianapolis, IN (“WXIN”), hereby requests an extension of 180 days in which to complete construction of the repacked facilities for WXIN as authorized in File No. 0000024883 (modified by File No. 0000034056).¹ As part of the Phase 6 group of the FCC’s transition plan, WXIN planned to have construction complete, testing conducted and the switch of on-air operations from Channel 45 to 22 complete by the October 18, 2019 deadline.

Due to circumstances beyond its control, construction of the authorized facilities is not yet complete, and therefore an extension of time is respectfully requested.

WXIN makes use of a shared antenna and combiner for both it and the operations of commonly owned station WTTK(TV), Kokomo, Indiana (Facility ID 56526). An extension request is being filed contemporaneously herewith for WTTK.

WXIN plans on using an interim antenna while the tower crew swaps out the main antenna, which will allow for service to continue uninterrupted to the WXIN viewers. The interim antenna is now on-site. The tower crew, however, which was expected to be on site as of September 16, is now going to be delayed at least two weeks due to unforeseen delays in its previous tower repack project.

Even with these obstacles, WXIN expects to have construction complete within the next 2-3 weeks. WXIN will update the MVPDs as to this slight delay and continue to educate its viewers with on-air notices as to the channel change, mitigating any viewer disruption.

For the reasons shown herein, WXIN respectfully requests an extension of time in which to complete construction of its authorized repack facilities.

¹ See 47 CFR §73.3700(b)(5); see also Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Announce Procedures for the Post-Incentive Auction Broadcast Transition, 32 FCC Rcd 858, 872 (MB 2017) . While this extension request is being filed after the 90-day extension date, WXIN submits that good reason exists for granting this request as shown above.