

Request to Extend Construction Permit
WNDU-TV, South Bend, Indiana (FID 41674)

Gray Television Licensee, LLC, the licensee of WNDU-TV, South Bend, Indiana (FID 41674), requests an extension of time to complete the facilities specified in the station's modified repack construction permit (File No. 0000025267). WNDU-TV will transition to its post-auction channel using an auxiliary facility (File No. 63758) by the Phase 6 deadline of October 18, 2019.

Due to circumstances outside of its control, WNDU-TV will not be able to complete construction of its final authorized facilities by the Phase 6 deadline of October 18, 2019.¹ Gray requests an extension of time of up to one hundred and eighty days (180) to complete construction of the WNDU-TV 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

WNDU-TV is unable to complete construction of its post-auction facility because its tower crew has been repeatedly delayed. Currently, the crew is scheduled to arrive on-site in early to mid-November to complete the installation of the equipment needed to operate its final post-auction facility. Thus, WNDU-TV will initially transition to its post-auction channel using an interim auxiliary facility.

Gray respectfully requests an extension of the deadline of up to 180 days to allow it to complete construction of the final WNDU-TV 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. As explained above, the station did not have confirmation until recently that the tower crew would be delayed past the Phase 6 deadline.

² 73.3700(b)(5)(i).