

Request for Extension of WEDE-CD Construction Permit

First United, Inc., licensee of WEDE-CD, Arlington Heights, Illinois (“First United”), hereby requests an extension of time to complete construction of its post-auction channel facilities at its permanent location. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹

WEDE-CD has a construction permit for its post-repack operations (FCC File No. 0000028640). While WEDE-CD planned to transition to its new post-auction channel during its assigned repack phase (Phase 6), WEDE-CD has had to coordinate its activities with its landlord (Willis Tower) and is only permitted to use contractors approved by its landlord. Because of these restrictions, First United will be unable to complete WEDE-CD’s post-repack facility by the Phase 6 deadline of October 18, 2019.

Accordingly, WEDE-CD intends to file for Special Temporary Authority to operate from an interim antenna on its post-auction channel. On its transition date, currently planned for October 18, 2019, WEDE-CD will move to its interim antenna on its post-auction channel and will continue to operate on its interim antenna until the main antenna for WEDE-CD is installed and made operational and the station’s post-auction facilities are complete.

Due to the unanticipated project delays explained above, First United respectfully seeks a 180-day construction permit extension. WEDE-CD will move to an interim antenna to transition during its assigned Phase 6 while it completes construction of its primary post-auction repack facilities.

¹ United acknowledges that this request has not been filed 90 days before its current construction deadline. Accordingly, to the extent necessary, United requests waiver of the 90-day deadline found in 47 C.F.R. § 3700(b)(5)(iv) for filing this extension request.