

WNAB(TV) – Request for Construction Permit Extension

Nashville License Holdings, L.L.C., licensee of station WNAB(TV), Nashville, TN, FIN 73310 (“WNAB”), hereby requests an extension of its construction permit (File No.: 0000034797) (“CP”), due to circumstances beyond its control, so as to allow WNAB 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. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹ WNAB hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for a period of 180 days; *i.e.*, from October 18, 2019 until April 15, 2020.

WNAB is assigned to transition from Channel 23 to Channel 30 in Phase 6 of the repack. WNAB’s construction of its permanent facilities has been delayed due to equipment delivery and crew delays. As of the date of this filing, the station has installed an interim antenna and by October 18, 2019, the station’s transmitter will be retuned for interim use with a new mask filter/combiner. The station’s post-repack permanent full power transmitter and full power top mount antenna have yet to be installed; therefore, WNAB plans to use the retuned interim transmitter and the interim antenna to effectuate the transition to its new post-repack channel. Because of the time needed to install the new main full power transmitter and the new top mount main antenna, WNAB will not be able to fully complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 6 on October 18, 2019, but the station plans to cut-over using the interim facilities on its new channel on that date.

Thus, WNAB respectfully requests an extension of its CP since it will not be able to operate on its permanent post-repack facilities and therefore will not be able to cover its CP while construction is completed on its permanent facilities. WNAB is concurrently filing an STA request as well seeking permission to transition to its post-repack channel while operating on interim facilities. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because, prior to the completion of Phase 6, WNAB will still transition to its post-repack channel. Furthermore, grant of the instant CP extension request would be in the public interest because it would allow WNAB to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WNAB will cease operations on its pre-auction facilities and begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel utilizing the above-referenced temporary facilities prior to the end of Phase 6.

¹ This request has been filed fewer than 90 days before WNAB’s current construction deadline. The station only recently learned that construction of its post-repack facilities would be delayed. WNAB thus respectfully requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. §73.3700(b)(5)(iv).