

WTCI(TV) – Request for Special Temporary Authority

Greater Chattanooga Public Television Corp., licensee of noncommercial educational TV station WTCI(TV), Chattanooga, TN (“WTCI”), hereby requests special temporary authority to operate from facilities substantially identical to those authorized by its repack construction permit (LMS File No. 34751) until such time as the station is able to file a covering license for those facilities.

WTCI was assigned to transition from Channel 29 to Channel 35 in Phase 5 of the repack. The station’s transition plan called for, among other things, construction of a new tower to hold the station’s post-repack facilities, as the station’s existing tower (ASR No. 1042763) did not meet RS-222 Rev. G standards. Due to local permitting issues, construction of the new tower did not begin until shortly before the Phase 5 construction deadline. WTCI operated from a low-power emergency antenna between the Phase 5 transition deadline and construction of the station’s full-power facilities, which were completed in early October.

WTCI has determined that it will not be able to file a covering license application for its full-power facilities until it has received an ASR number from the FCC for its newly constructed tower and modified its construction permit to reflect this new tower information, as the station’s original repack construction permit reflects the station’s old tower (ASR No. 1042763). This process is ongoing. WTCI therefore respectfully requests special temporary authority to operate from the facilities described herein – which are substantially identical to those authorized by its repack construction permit – until this process is complete.