

WVTV-TV – Request for STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

WVTV Licensee, Inc., licensee of station WVTV-TV, Milwaukee, WI, FIN 74174 (“WVTV”), hereby requests special temporary authority (“STA”), due to circumstances beyond its control, 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. WVTV hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities, for a period of 180 days from October 18, 2019 until April 15, 2020.

WVTV is assigned to transition from Channel 18 to Channel 27 in Phase 6 of the repack. WVTV’s construction of its permanent facilities has been delayed due to equipment delivery and crew delays. As of this filing, an interim transmitter and interim antenna for the station’s post-repack facilities have been installed. The post-repack permanent full power transmitter and full power top mount antenna have yet to be installed; therefore, WVTV plans to use the 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, WVTV 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.

Because of the delay, WVTV will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 6 on October 18, 2019. Thus, WVTV respectfully requests an STA to operate on its post-repack channel from interim facilities while construction is completed on its permanent facilities. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because, at the completion of Phase 6, WVTV will still transition to its post-repack channel. For this reason, the grant of the instant STA request would be in the public interest because it would allow WVTV to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WVTV will cease operations on its pre-auction facilities and begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel utilizing the above-referenced temporary facilities at the completion of Phase 6.