

Christian Faith Broadcast, Inc.

Station WGGN-TV (Facility ID 11027), Sandusky, OH

FRN 0002940195

Form 2100, Schedule 337

### **EXPLANATION FOR REPACK CP EXTENSION REQUEST**

Christian Faith Broadcast, Inc. ("CFB"), licensee of Station WGGN-TV, pre-repack Ch. 42, was designated to transition in Phase 4 as part of the FCC spectrum repack but due to matters beyond its control, as fully disclosed in its Phase Waiver request (LMS 0000078502), the FCC authorized WGGN-TV to transition in Phase 6 and its construction permit (LMS 0000027852) was extended to the Phase 6 transition deadline, October 18, 2019.

While the transmitter for its Ch. 3 repack facility has been received, installed and proofed into the dummy load, and the Mask Filter has been delivered, CFB has recently learned that the delivery of the new antenna has been further delayed and WGGN will not be able to initiate broadcasting on its repack facility by October 18<sup>th</sup>. CFB hopes that the antenna will be delivered by the end of October and that implementation will begin as soon as the tower crew can get to the site barring further complications from weather.

As a result, while CFB is doing everything it can to get the WGGN repack facility implemented, the delayed antenna delivery (and related tower crew delay) is beyond its control. CFB has determined that rather than request a further Phase Waiver, it will permanently take WGGN-TV off of Ch. 42 and remain silent until the antenna is delivered and can be installed. CFB has worked with the cable systems to ensure that the WGGN-TV programming will continue to be delivered to the cable systems and available to WGGN-TV viewers while the station is off the air and completing the implementation of its post-repack Ch. 3 facility.

Waiver request. The FCC required that requests for extension of repack CPs be filed 90-days before the expiration of the CP<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6567, 6804, ¶ 581 (2014) ("Stations anticipating the need for an extension will be required to submit an extension application no less than 90 days before the expiration of their construction permit and demonstrate that, despite all reasonable efforts, they are unable to complete construction of their new facilities on time due to circumstances that were either unforeseeable or beyond their control.")