

WTWC (TV) – Request for Construction Permit Extension

WTWC Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WTWC (TV), Tallahassee, FL, FIN 66908 (“WTWC”), hereby requests an extension of its construction permit (File No.: 0000034393) (“CP”), 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. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv). WTWC hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for a period of 90 days from March 13, 2020 until June 11, 2020.

WTWC is assigned to transition from Channel 40 to Channel 22 in Phase 8 of the repack. There has been a delay in completing construction of post-repack facilities due to the unavailability of tower and antenna construction crews. As of this filing, the station’s main antennas are on a candelabra tower. The post-transition top mount antenna has yet to be installed; therefore, WTWC plans to install a full power transmitter to feed a combiner and use the current 8-inch transmission line to feed an interim antenna to effectuate the transition to its new post-repack channel. Because of the time needed to install this equipment and then add a new top mount main antenna to the candelabra, WTWC will not be able to fully complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 8 on March 13, 2020, but the station plans to cut-over using the interim facilities on its new channel prior to that date.

WTWC 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. WTWC will also be filing an STA request 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 8, WTWC 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 WTWC to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.