

WTGS (TV) – Request for Construction Permit Extension

WTGS Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WTGS(TV), Hardeeville, SC, FIN 27245 (“WTGS”), hereby requests an extension of its construction permit (File No.: 0000027450) (“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).¹ WTGS hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for a period of 120 days from January 17, 2020 until May 16, 2020.

WTGS is assigned to transition from Channel 28 to Channel 26 in Phase 7 of the repack. WTGS’s construction of its permanent facilities has been delayed due to equipment delivery and crew delays. As of this filing, the station is currently working on installation of its temporary transmitter and antenna. The post-repack permanent top mount antenna and permanent transmitter have yet to be installed; therefore, WTGS plans to use an interim transmitter and interim antenna to effectuate the transition to its new post-repack channel. Because of the time needed to install the new main top mount antenna, WTGS will not be able to fully complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 7 on January 17, 2020, but the station plans to cut-over using the interim facilities on its new channel on that date.

WTGS 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. WTGS 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 7, WTGS 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 WTGS to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WTGS will cease operations on its pre-auction facilities and begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel utilizing the above-referenced temporary facilities before the completion of Phase 7.

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