

WWMB – Request for Extension of STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

HSH Myrtle Beach (WWMB) Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WWMB(TV), Florence, SC, FIN 3133 (“WWMB”), hereby requests a 180-day extension of its special temporary authority (LMS File No. 0000080616), due to circumstances beyond its control, to continue 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. WWMB hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days from February 27, 2020 until August 25, 2020.

WWMB was assigned to transition from Channel 21 to Channel 26 in Phase 5 of the repack, but was granted an extension of its post-auction construction permit (LMS File No. 0000034332, as extended in LMS File No. 0000080563) and is separately requesting a further extension due to circumstances beyond its control.

WWMB has made significant progress in constructing its post-transition facilities, including installation of the permanent antenna and transmission line, and partial installation of the full power post-transition transmitter. However, due to the unavailability of transmitter crews, who currently are focusing on completion of the repack of Phase 8 stations by the Phase 8 deadline (i.e., March 13, 2020), WWMB does not anticipate that installation of the post-transition transmitter will be completed until after March 13, 2020.

WWMB respectfully requests an STA extension to continue 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 WWMB will continue to operate on its post-repack channel. Furthermore, grant of the instant STA request would be in the public interest because it would allow WWMB to continue to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.