

Construction on the new channel should have been straightforward, because licensee owns the tower and the new facility will be co-located on the same tower. It was not so simple, however. The new antenna installation required testing for the integrity of the tower. Crews and equipment to perform this necessary stage were delayed. Now that the integrity verification has been completed, the licensee faces problems in the supply chain both as to equipment and as to construction crews. It should be possible to have the facility built and operating on the new channel within 90 days, i.e. by June 5, 2020.

The reasons for this request fall within the categories described in Public Notice, DA 18-884, released on August 27, 2018: para. 12: (4) unusual technical challenges; and (2) delays in construction due to the unavailability of equipment or a tower crew.

The delay in confirming the suitability of the existing tower was unforeseen. Accordingly, applicant did not seek this extension by the date set forth for Phase 8 of 12/16/2019. A waiver of this deadline is respectfully requested.