

Request for Tolling of Construction Permit -- WNAB

Nashville License Holdings, L.L.C., licensee of digital television broadcast station WNAB(TV), Nashville, Tennessee (Facility ID No. 73310) (the “Station”), pursuant to Section 73.3598(b) of the Commission’s rules, respectfully requests a waiver of the Commission’s tolling provisions for the Station’s post-auction construction permit (“CP”) for Channel 30 (LMS File 0000034797, as extended in LMS File 0000086461, and as modified in LMS File No. 0000105745). The Station is currently operating on its post-auction Channel 30 using interim facilities pursuant to special temporary authority (LMS File No. 0000086460 and 0000106511). Based on the unusual and unexpected circumstances provided below, the Station respectfully requests tolling of the Station’s CP for an additional period of 180 days.

The Station has made significant progress in constructing its post-transition facilities, including installation of the Station’s permanent antenna. However, due to the unavailability of transmitter crews, the Station has not yet installed the permanent transmitter. As Media Bureau staff is aware, delays have also occurred because of the difficulty of the Station’s engineers and tower and transmitter crews to travel as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Consequently, the licensee respectfully requests that its CP be tolled since it is not able to operate on its permanent post-repack facilities at this time and therefore is not able to cover its CP as planned with a license application. Accordingly, the Station seeks a brief extension of time of 180 days to complete construction of the Station’s post-transition facility. This extension will allow the Station and its associated crews to complete the work necessary for construction and installation of the Station’s final post-transition facilities.

The Station respectfully submits that the instant request will not adversely impact the repack efforts of other stations because the Station will continue to operate on its post-repack channel. Furthermore, the Station respectfully submits that a grant of the instant CP tolling request would be in the public interest because it would allow the Station to continue operating without disruption of service to the public.