

## First Quarter 2020 Quarterly Transition Progress Report for WSJV

This Transition Progress Report is being filed on April 10, 2020, to provide an update on WSJV's post-transition repack construction progress.

WSJV is operating (and has been operating since October 18, 2019) on post-transition channel 30 using an interim facility which is also the station's post-transition aux antenna (*see* LMS File No. [0000086837](#), granted October 22, 2019). In addition, the licensee secured an extension of WSJV's repack CP in October 2019 (*see* LMS File No. [0000086685](#), granted October 17, 2019). On April 8, 2020, the licensee filed a tolling waiver / second CP extension request in LMS File No. [0000111859](#) ("Tolling Filing").

As explained in the Tolling Filing, the final piece of the puzzle for the licensee to complete the final, full post-transition facility for WSJV is the installation of a combiner (and associated site work). The combiner is necessary because WSJV changed its transition plan when it developed a new, less expensive plan to co-locate with another station. (*See* Minor Modification Application in LMS File No. [0000086452](#), granted January 15, 2020, following a period of Canadian coordination and, ultimately, concurrence.)

Circumstances surrounding the international coordination, winter weather, and more recently the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic have conspired to prevent the completion of the final project. As discussed in the Tolling Filing (which, to spare redundancy, we won't completely reiterate in this filing), there is currently no schedule for the necessary crew to return to the co-located site in order to install the combiner. The station with which WSJV will ultimately share equipment—WSBT-TV—is already licensed for its post-transition operations, but WSJV cannot commence its own final post-transition operations until the combiner installation (and related work) is complete.

As the licensee stated in the Tolling Filing:

"While the combiner—which is the final significant piece of the equipment puzzle for WSJV's repack construction—is now on-site at the transmitter site and ready to be installed, the installation faces further delay because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused repack construction delays at multiple sites nationwide as vendors send employees home or prohibit travel or deal with sick employees. While Licensee does not expect work on the site to cease indefinitely, the pandemic makes it impossible for Licensee to predict when final post-transition construction can be completed. Currently, there is no set date for the work crew to perform the necessary installation of the combiner. Contingency plans are under consideration, but Licensee fully expects to confront potential labor shortages along with other challenges it cannot now predict."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *See* WSJV's Tolling Filing, LMS File No. [0000111859](#), Exhibit, p.3 (internal footnote omitted).