

Request for Tolling of Construction Permit – WZTV(TV)

WZTV Licensee, LLC, licensee of digital television broadcast station WZTV(TV), Nashville, Tennessee (Facility ID No. 418) (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 20 (LMS File 0000028847, as extended in LMS File 0000086541, and as modified in LMS File No. 0000105736). The Station is currently operating on its post-auction Channel 20 using interim facilities pursuant to special temporary authority (LMS File No. 0000086540, as modified by LMS File No. 0000106513). 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. However, due to the unavailability of construction crews, the Station has not yet installed the permanent full power transmitter. As Media Bureau staff is aware, the Station’s engineers, tower crews and transmitter crews have been unable to travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in further delays.

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.