

Amendment to 10-Week Transition Progress Report for WMOW

This amended 10-Week Transition Plan Progress Report is being filed on April 24, 2020, to provide an update on WMOW's post-transition repack construction progress. On February 21, 2020, WMOW timely filed its 10-Week Transition Plan Progress Report in LMS File No. [0000106425](#). At that time, WMOW was a Phase 9 station. As of April 16, 2020, WMOW has become a Phase 10 station (*see* phase changed granted in LMS File No. [0000111921](#)) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. *See Guidance for Stations in Phase 9 of the Post-Incentive Auction as a Result of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic*, Public Notice, DA 20-282, (rel. Mar. 17, 2020).

In mid-March 2020, the licensee filed an application to extend WMOW's Phase 9 repack CP for a period of 90 days. *See* LMS File No. [0000107818](#) ("CP Extension Request"). At that time, the effects and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the broadcast industry and nationwide transition were not known (though we adverted to them in the filing), and as of this April 24 filing it would probably be premature for the licensee to suggest that we have a full grasp on the ultimate impacts of COVID-19 on WMOW's final repack construction.

As of this filing, WMOW anticipates—subject to further COVID-19 pandemic challenges, which are unknown and unknowable at this time—that it will cease operating on its pre-transition channel 12 on July 3 (i.e., the final day of Phase 10). At that time—as discussed in the pending CP Extension Request—WMOW will be silent for a few weeks while the tower is stripped and the antenna and transmission line are replaced. During that time, the transmitter building (which is too small to fit both the pre-transition and post-transition transmitters) will also be gutted and the new, post-transition transmitter will be installed. This plan is discussed in the pending CP Extension Request in LMS File No. [0000107818](#). Because the CP Extension Request was predicated on a Phase 9 transition, we plan to file an amendment to the CP Extension Request in the future to synchronize the new Phase 10 dates. However, we are waiting to see the nature and extent to which additional havoc is wreaked on the planned construction schedule and vendor availability relating to the Phase 10 July 3 deadline before we amend the pending CP Extension Request.

In short, other than the grant of the phase change, WMOW does not have anything new to report at this time relating to its repack project.

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