

Second Amendment to CP Extension Request for WMOW

On March 12, 2020, WAOW-WYOW License, LLC (the “applicant”), licensee and repack permittee of WMOW, Crandon, Wisconsin (Fac. ID No. 85103) (“WMOW” or the “Station”) filed an application to extend, for 90 days, the repack construction permit (“CP”) issued in LMS File No. [0000027451](#). See LMS File No. [0000107818](#) (the “Pending CP Extension Application”). At that time, WMOW was assigned to Phase 9.

Subsequently, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Media Bureau provided flexibility to stations whose construction was being affected by supply chain interruption and other effects of the pandemic to change from Phase 9 to Phase 10. See *Guidance for Stations in Phase 9 of the Post-Incentive Auction as a Result of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2720 (MB Mar. 17, 2020). WMOW (and the rest of the stations in WMOW’s LSS 68) filed a request to reclassify to Phase 10, and WMOW’s application to move to Phase 10 was granted on April 16, 2020, in LMS File No. [0000111921](#). As such, WMOW’s deadline to terminate pre-transition channel operations is now July 3, 2020, and WMOW’s repack CP is scheduled to expire on July 3, 2020.

Because the final construction steps of WMOW’s repack plan have not changed—only the dates on which those final steps will occur have changed, as a result of WMOW’s move to Phase 10—WMOW will still need to extend its repack CP for a period of 90 days, i.e., until October 1, 2020. The original exhibit to justify the original request for a CP extension remains attached to this application and remains accurate (except for the dates referenced therein). To summarize, WMOW 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 exhibit titled “WMOW Repack CP Extension Exhibit March 2020.pdf”), 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.

To address the period of silence necessitated by WMOW’s construction plan, the applicant amended the Pending CP Extension Application on March 16 and attached an exhibit titled “WMOW Exhibit for Amendment to Repack CP Extension Request.pdf.” In the amendment exhibit, WMOW explains that the station operates as a satellite of co-owned WAOW, which, along with co-owned WYOW, operates in the same DMA as WMOW. The programming on WMOW’s primary channel is aired on the secondary channels of both WAOW and WYOW, and the programming on WMOW’s secondary channel airs on the primary channels of both WAOW and WYOW. More detail to address continued service to the public during WMOW’s period of silence is included in the “WMOW Exhibit for Amendment to Repack CP Extension Request.pdf” file.

In light of this additional information, the applicant continues to believe that grant of its application to extend WMOW’s repack CP deadline is warranted and in the public interest as WMOW continues to move forward with its repack plans. WMOW now respectfully requests a 90-day extension so that the CP will expire on October 1.

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