

WNTV(TV) – Request for Extension of STA
LMS File No. 112035

South Carolina Educational TV Commission (“SCETV”), licensee of noncommercial educational TV station WNTV(TV), Greenville, South Carolina (“WNTV”), hereby requests an extension of the engineering STA granted in LMS File No. 112035. WNTV requests an additional 180 days of authority, *i.e.*, until December 30, 2020.

WNTV is assigned to transition from Channel 9 to Channel 8 in Phase 10 of the repack. WNTV’s transition plan calls for, among other things, replacement of the station’s transmitter and construction of a new tower for the station’s facilities.

A structural study conducted early in the repack process determined that WNTV’s existing tower, built in the 1980s, was inadequate to meet the applicable TIA-222-G building standard. In fact, the engineering firm conducting the study recommended that the tower be decommissioned and torn down. Upon learning this, SCETV decided to look into purchasing land adjacent to the existing tower and to construct a new tower for WNTV’s permanent post-repack facilities. SCETV has been in discussions to purchase the property since summer of 2017, but its efforts ran into numerous internal and external delays, from state government processes to staff turnover at SCETV. SCETV recently resolved all of the outstanding real estate issues but now must complete the design, permitting, and construction of the new tower. SCETV expects to complete these efforts in 2021. The special temporary authority granted in LMS File No. 112035 will permit the station to operate on its post-repack channel from its current facilities until such time as its permanent facilities can be constructed.