

Request for Extension of Repack CP & Special Temporary Authority

Scripps Broadcasting Holdings, LLC (“Scripps”), licensee of WTKR(TV), Norfolk, Virginia (Facility ID 47401) and WGNT(TV), Portsmouth, Virginia (Facility ID 9762) (the “Stations”), hereby requests extension of the Stations’ repack construction permits and Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate on the Stations’ post-repack channels (WTKR: Channel 16; WGNT: Channel 20), at lower power utilizing an interim antenna for an additional period of time (until December 30, 2020).

The Stations have construction permits for their post-repack operations [(FCC File Nos. 0000034472 (WTKR) and 0000034473 (WGNT)]. While the Stations planned to transition to their permanent post-auction channels using their permanent post-auction facilities, the Stations have experienced weather delays which have prevented the tower crew from extending the new feed lines to the post-repack antennas on the tower. The Stations expect to transition to their permanent post-auction channels on July 3rd, but with reduced power from interim antennas.

Due to these unanticipated project delays as well as delays caused by the COVID-19 virus, Scripps will not be able to complete construction of the WGNT and WTKR permanent post-repack facilities by July 3, 2020. Scripps therefore respectfully requests extension of the Stations’ repack construction permits and grant of STA to operate from an interim antenna at reduced power while it completes construction of the primary post-auction repack facilities.