

APPLICANTS EFFORTS;
REQUEST TO REINSTATE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Liberty Communications, Inc., licensee of W50CH, has vacated Channel 50 and begun operations on its authorized new channel, Channel W36EX-D, as of Memorial Day 05/25/2020. The station operates at about 85 per cent of power, with a loaner transmitter, because the new transmitter was delayed in shipment from Italy after commerce was frozen by the Corona Virus.

Request to reinstate construction permit. Aware that the Construction Permit was expiring on July 3, we made repeated attempt to get updated status on the transmitter, to no avail. Finally on July 13, 2020, we received this e-mail.

Andy Berry to Frank Grundstein, Michael Couzens, proservice@transmitters.com
Re: Transmitter for Alton, IL

Gentlemen,
As with most things since April, the Covid-19 crisis has caused havoc with global supply and transport streams.
We have arrange priority shipment of your transmitter, however freight carriers cannot guarantee their normal service levels.

That said, I have a high-degree of confidence that we will be able to deliver to Alton, IL by Monday, August 3. There is a chance (~10% probability) that our carrier will slip beyond their estimates by a week, so you may want to factor this into your communication with FCC.

Of course, we are doing everything possible to deliver in the shortest time possible.

Please contact me directly, as required.
Thanks,
-Andy

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In light of this, we request a reinstatement of the construction permit, with authorization to run through October 1, 2020. The e-mail from Mr. Berry estimates delivery by August 3, but in view of past difficulties in basic communication with the vendor, and the fact that other deadlines have not been met, we have chosen October 1, 2020 as a safely predicted date for the completion of installation.

Request for Waiver of the 90 day construction deadline. This application is being filed less than 90 days from the station's transition deadline. A waiver of that advance notice requirement is respectfully requested. We can only proceed with the best actual knowledge of the station, and an earlier submission was, and necessarily would have been based only on speculation.

We are disappointed that the reduced power, of necessity, means somewhat reduced coverage for the time being. We want to be at full power as soon as possible, and would not wish to permanently reduce desirable service to the public by submitting a minor amendment, reducing power consistent with the current transmissions. So it is concluded this will be the best course for the public, preserving meritorious local service.