

W297CI CONSTRUCTION PERMIT MODIFICATION APPLICATION EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUEST AND COMPLIANCE EXHIBIT

Through the accompanying minor modification application (the “Application”), International Baptist Outreach Missions, Inc. (the “Permittee”), holder of Construction Permit BNPFT-20171219ADZ (the “Permit”) for fill-in FM Translator Station W297CI (the “Translator”), seeks to modify the Permit to specify a new tower site and various altered technical parameters. Due to the forthcoming construction deadline, the Permittee respectfully requests expedited processing of this Application. The modification complies with 47 C.F.R. § 73.1204(d).

Expedited Processing Request

The Permittee respectfully requests expedited processing of this Application for its fill-in Translator serving rural, isolated, and mountainous areas of western North Carolina. The Permit’s construction deadline is January 16, 2021:

File Number	Submit Date	Call Sign	Facility ID	FRN	State	City	Service	Purpose	Status	Status Date	Expiration Date
BNPFT-20171219ADZ	12/19/2017	W297CI	201713	0009302795	NC	ASHEVILLE	FM Translator	Construction Permit	Granted	01/16/2018	01/16/2021

The Permittee has diligently been pursuing construction of the Translator and has obtained all equipment necessary to construct the Translator. The Permittee has an agreement in place with the owner of the tower site identified in the Application and anticipates no longer than 2 days to construct the Translator. Put differently, the only remaining impediment to the Translator’s successful construction is a grant of the tower site move requested in this Application. Accordingly, the Permittee respectfully requests expedited processing of the Application in order to permit the construction of the facility by January 16, 2021. Expedited processing would serve the public interest by preventing the Permit from expiring, thereby preserving the FM translator’s prospective service to the public.¹

Compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 73.1204(d)

As set forth more fully in the technical exhibit accompanying this application, the modification proposed in the Application is acceptable under 47 C.F.R. § 73.1204(d)’s allowance for proposed operations that will result in “no actual interference . . . due to . . . lack of population or such other factors as may be applicable.” *See also, e.g., In Re Living Way Ministries, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 17054 (2002). The proposed location is directly adjacent to the Woodfin Volunteer Fire Department Station 20. *See generally* Google Maps (last visited Jan. 4, 2021),

¹ In the alternative, to the extent the Commission denies the request for expedited processing, the Permittee respectfully requests a 6-month extension to the Permit’s construction deadline. *See Media Bureau Announces Availability of Construction Deadline Waivers for Certain FM Translator Stations Awarded in Auction 99 and 100*, Public Notice, DA 20-1059 (rel. Sept. 10, 2020). The Permittee ran into unanticipated complications with constructing the Translator at the site identified in the Permit but—as described above—already has all equipment necessary to construct the Translator. Accordingly, a brief extension to the Permit’s construction deadline would be necessary only to the extent additional time is necessary to authorize the site move set forth in the Application.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/35%C2%B038'04.7%22N+82%C2%B035'36.5%22W/@35.6349326,-82.5945069,18z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x0!8m2!3d35.6346389!4d-82.5934722>.

And—as demonstrated in the accompanying technical exhibit—the proposed 0.001 kW ERP and 9 meter structure height at that location preclude any actual interference within the meaning of 47 C.F.R. § 73.1204(d).