

W31FD-D, Beaufort, South Carolina (FID 186374)
Amendment to Assignment Application

Gray Television Licensee, LLC (“Gray”), the proposed assignee of W31FD-D, Beaufort, South Carolina (FID 186374) (the “Station”) amends the assignment application to provide an update on efforts by the Station to resume broadcasting. Following its acquisition of the Station from Lowcountry 34 Media, LLC (“Lowcountry”), Gray is committed to promptly completing construction of the authorized facility and resuming Station operations.

The Station is building out its modified facility (See File No. 157869, the “CP”). Gray will continue the current licensee’s efforts to build out the CP and resume Station operations. To complete construction, the Station must secure a modified antenna and sign a tower lease with American Tower. Although certain elements are outside of its control, as explained below, Gray anticipates being able to complete construction of the modified facility in April 2022.

W31FD-D’s authorized facility will be co-located with W29EN-D, which also is currently licensed to Lowcountry, and is being donated to the local PBS affiliate. The PBS affiliate has requested a modification to the antenna to support vertical polarization in order to improve over-the-air reception for both stations. To allow for vertical polarization, Lowcountry will file a minor modification to the W31FD-D construction permit. It also has ordered the modified antenna which is scheduled to be completed by late March.

Separately, the Station must secure a lease with American Tower for this site. The current licensee is negotiating the lease. Gray has been assured by Lowcountry that all business terms have been agreed to, but because the tower is on land that is owned by a third party, American Tower must obtain the landlord’s consent before signing the lease agreement. American Tower has confirmed that the landlord has requested a repair to the fence at the tower site and once American Tower makes this repair, the landlord will sign off on this lease. Although this element is outside of Gray’s control, based on American Tower’s current representations, Gray anticipates being able to complete build out of the Station CP and resume Station operations in April 2022.

Gray affirms that it will work diligently to complete construction of the CP and resume operations once it completes acquisition of the Station.