

Justification to Extend STA for W35CO-D

The University of North Carolina (“UNC”) seeks continued special temporary authority most recently granted in LMS File No. [0000190156](#) to continue to operate W35CO-D, Burnsville, North Carolina, at reduced power at the parameters described in the technical portion of this STA application.

Attempts have been made to definitively determine whether and how the channel 35 translator is contributing to certain VHF two-way radio repeater interference. However, due to a lack of cooperation from the other parties, a definitive determination hasn’t yet been made. To resolve this “stalemate,” UNC has decided to relocate the channel 35 translator site. A potential new site has been located and details for use of that site have been worked out. However, the site lease agreement still remains to be completed. Once that agreement is finalized (a process that is subject to certain state contracting requirements and protocols because UNC is a state agency), UNC plans to submit a construction permit application to allow for the relocation of the channel 35 site. With the timely filing and granting of the construction permit application, UNC hopes to have the site relocated and resuming full power operations within the next six months.

Accordingly, the licensee requests a six month extension of the current STA to continue to operate at reduced power until the site can be properly relocated. In the event the site relocation process takes longer than six months, we will likely need a further extension of STA and will make a timely filing as necessary. Grant of this request is in the public interest because it maintains service of W35CO-D (albeit at reduced power).

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