

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority
WIFR-LD (183744)

Gray Television Licensee, LLC, licensee of WIFR-LD (Facility ID 183744) seeks authority to continue operating WIFR-LD temporarily on Channel 41 with the technical parameters specified in the attached Engineering Statement. Gray originally requested authority for WIFR-LD to use these operating parameters in order to facilitate the transition of CBS programming from WIFR-DT to WIFR-LD. WIFR-DT was a winning bidder in the auction and expects to surrender its license on May 31. This STA requests authority for WIFR-LD to operate using WIFR-DT's technical parameters, but at a lower power. The use of these technical parameters facilitated the transition of programming from WIFR-DT to WIFR-LD, minimizing the disruption to viewers. Additionally, by allowing WIFR-LD to operate from Channel 41, it reduced the need for MVPDs to make technical changes in order to continue to carry the station's CBS programming.

Gray requests authority to continue operating WIFR-LD on Channel 41 with the technical parameters specified in this STA to provide news and entertainment programming to its community. As previously acknowledged, upon notification that the winning wireless bidder is ready to use this Channel 41 spectrum, Gray will cease operations on Channel 41.