

Fourth Quarter 2018 Transition Progress Report for WLWT

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This exhibit is to provide additional information relating to delays that have already occurred in WLWT's repack project schedule.

Tower modifications and auxiliary antenna installation began at the *end of the third quarter* of 2018, which was later than initially scheduled. See WLWT's Engineering STA Request in LMS File No. [0000050307](#) (granted April 17, 2018) (indicating that "some of WLWT's transition-related construction activities—including but not limited to tower work, transmission line refurbishment, and installation of WLWT's post-transition primary antenna—have been scheduled to commence during the *summer of 2018*" (emphasis added)). Not only did the work at the site commence a few months later than originally anticipated, but also inclement weather prevented the completion of the tower modifications once the tower crew was on site. Thus, a portion of the work that was scheduled to occur during WLWT's initial construction phase will have to be completed during the tower crew's next mobilization when WLWT's next construction phase is scheduled to occur in the spring of 2019.

In addition, we believe that it's important to understand that one of the factors contributing to the tower work delay was the **bankruptcy** of the vendor (Tower Innovations) that had been contracted with to fabricate the steel for the tower modifications. While this information may already be known to the FCC, the ramifications of the bankruptcy and consequent interruption in supply of tower materials may not be obvious from quarterly Transition Progress Report filings. In the wake of the bankruptcy/supply chain disruption for the tower mods, a second company has been contracted with to complete the steel fabrication. To reiterate, WLWT believes, as of this filing, that the supply chain will produce the required products in a timely fashion for WLWT to complete its transition by the end of Phase 6, and we will continue to keep the Commission apprised of the situation via quarterly Transition Progress Report or other avenues should it be prudent to so do.

While WLWT is optimistic as of the date of this filing that its transition by the assigned Phase 6 deadline remains possible, WLWT is concerned that the delays it has already experienced will mount further and put the project further behind schedule, which could contribute to cascading delays and effects for other repack projects as WLWT's vendors attempt to meet the nationwide demands.

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