

Justification for Extension of Construction Permit

Wilderness Communications, LLC (“Licensee”), licensee of Station KBCA, Alexandria, LA, Fac. ID 16940 (the “Station”), hereby submits this request for Extension of Construction Permit (Schedule 2100, FCC Form 337).

CP Extension Request:

The Station was repacked to Channel 26 in the Incentive Auction in the *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice* (DA 17-317, rel. April 13, 2017) and scheduled for transition in Phase II (12/1/18-04/12/19). The Station’s Channel 26 CP was issued on November 15, 2017 (File No. 0000033835).

Licensee moved promptly to submit orders for all of its new equipment, including a new transmitter and antenna, required to implement the Channel 26 CP, and began submitting invoices for the new equipment on Form 399 on January 15, 2018 (File No. 0000028049). However, Licensee has experienced delays in receiving reimbursement for some of the invoices it has submitted. Further complicating matters, Licensee has been advised by the manufacturer of the Station’s new antenna that the earliest the new antenna will *ship* is March 15th and thus arrive is mid-to-late March, 2019. The tower crew will be scheduled to arrive at the same time as the antenna delivery. Efforts to obtain a delivery date for the transmitter thus far have been unsuccessful.

In light of the foregoing delays, Licensee cannot ensure that it will complete implementation by April 12, 2019, the Station’s CP expiration date. Licensee plans to take the Station off the air on Channel 41 and will file a silent notice when operation ceases and, if necessary, a request for silent STA. Licensee respectfully requests tolling or an extension of its Channel 26 Repack CP while it diligently works to complete installation.