

Request for Phase Change

WTVX Licensee, LLC (“WTVX” or “Licensee”), licensee of WWHB-CA (Facility ID: 63557) (“WWHB”) and WTCN-CA (Facility ID: 70865) (“WTCN”) (collectively “Stations”) respectfully requests a phase change from Phase 2 to Phase 3 for the stations (“Phase Change”). As part of Phase 2 the stations are required to complete their post-transition facilities, no later than April 12, 2019, at the end of the Phase 2 construction period. Each station has timely complied with all other transition requirements. However, due to circumstances beyond the licensee’s control, final construction of the post-transition facilities may not be completed on schedule.

WTCN-CA and WWHB-CA share a common antenna. The final step in construction of the post-transition facilities required a helicopter pick, wherein the top-mount antenna is placed in position on top of the tower. On the date scheduled for this phase of construction, local airports were temporarily closed when the President of the United States flew in and out of the area, requiring that the helicopter pick be rescheduled. This resulted in subsequent delays involving electrical crews, likely causing the stations’ inability to complete construction and commencement of broadcast operations by the April 12, 2019 Phase 2 transition deadline. As a result, WTCN was forced to temporarily suspend broadcast operations on April 4, 2019. *See* Request for Silent STA, File Number 0000071004. On April 10, 2019 WTCN filed a request for extension of its Phase 2 construction permit, FCC File Number 0000033632 *See* FCC File Number 000071183.

Licensee anticipates that construction of the shared facilities will be completed in the near future, perhaps on or before the April 12, 2019 phase completion date for Phase 2. Nevertheless, WTCN acknowledges that commencement of post-transition operations for Station WTCN may run into the first two to three weeks of Phase 3 and, out of an abundance of caution, and in the interest of being in full compliance with the FCC Rules, submits the instant Phase Change request.

The grant of the proposed Phase Change will serve the public interest by providing the Station with needed additional time to commence post-transition operations and provide service to the public. No other party will be adversely affected by the requested relief. Therefore, good cause exists for grant of the requested Phase Change and permit WTCN to complete construction of its facilities as part of Phase 3.