

WCWN(DT) – Request for STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

WCWN Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WCWN(DT), Schenectady, New York (“WCWN”), hereby requests special temporary authority (STA), due to circumstances beyond its control, to operate on interim facilities while its permanent facilities are completed, and a waiver of the rules to the extent necessary. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹ WCWN hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days from August 2, 2019, *i.e.*, until January 29, 2020.

WCWN is assigned to transition from Channel 43 to Channel 22 in Phase 4 of the repack. WCWN’s transition plan calls for, among other things, a shared transmitter and combiner.

WCWN recently was informed that there will be a delay in the delivery and installation of the shared transmission line and combiner for the station. Because of this delay, WCWN will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 4 on August 2, 2019. Thus, WCWN respectfully requests an STA to operate on its post-repack channel from interim facilities while construction is completed on its permanent facilities. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because, prior to the completion of Phase 4, WCWN will still transition to its post-repack channel. Furthermore, grant of the instant STA request would be in the public interest because it would allow WCWN to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to viewers or the overall repack.

WCWN will cease operations on its pre-auction facilities and begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel utilizing the above-referenced temporary facilities prior to the end of Phase 4.

¹ This request has been filed fewer than 90 days before WCWN’s current construction deadline. The station only recently learned that its post-repack combiner and transmission line would not be delivered on time. WCWN thus respectfully requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).