

SCETV – Request for Extension of Time to Construct

South Carolina Educational TV Commission (“SCETV”), licensee of the noncommercial educational TV stations listed below (the “Stations”), hereby requests an extension of time to complete construction of permanent post-auction facilities for the Stations assigned to Phase 5 listed below. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹ SCETV requests an additional 180 days to construct each facility, *i.e.*, until March 4, 2020.

SCETV Phase 5 Station	Construction Permit File Number
WRLK-TV, Columbia, SC	25032
WEBA-TV, Allendale, SC	20522
WNEH(TV), Greenwood, SC	25027
WJPM-TV, Florence, SC	25028
WNSC-TV, Rock Hill, SC	25025

SCETV is the statewide public television network for the State of South Carolina. Nine of SCETV’s eleven television stations were assigned new channels in the FCC’s repack, which is an enormous project for a state public TV network. The five Stations listed above are assigned to transition in Phase 5 of the repack. Each Station is currently targeting a transition to interim operations on or before the Phase 5 deadline of September 6. After the transition occurs, SCETV’s tower crew will work to remove the existing top-mounted antennas and replace them with each Station’s permanent top-mounted post-repack antenna.

SCETV had intended to make its transition to each Station’s permanent antennas prior to the Phase 5 deadline, but state purchasing issues delayed SCETV’s ability to secure timing commitments from its tower crews. SCETV intends to file requests for special temporary authority (STA) for each Station to operate from interim side-mounted facilities during the period in which its existing antenna is removed and replaced.

Because of the scheduling issues SCETV has faced, the Stations will not be able to complete construction of their permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 5 on September 6, 2019. Thus, SCETV respectfully requests that its construction permits for the Stations’ post-repack facilities be extended for 180 days, or until March 4, 2020. The requested extension of time will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because prior to the completion of Phase 5 the Stations will cease operations on their pre-auction facilities and begin broadcasting on their post-auction channels over interim facilities.

¹ This request has been filed fewer than 90 days before the Stations’ current construction deadline. Because it had been hoping that scheduling issues could be resolved, SCETV determined that this extension request was necessary after the 90-day deadline had passed. SCETV thus respectfully requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 3700(b)(5)(iv).