

WRDC – Request for Construction Permit Extension

Raleigh (WRDC-TV) Licensee, Inc., licensee of station WRDC(TV), Durham, NC, FIN 54963 (“WRDC”), hereby requests an extension of its construction permit (File No.: 0000068684) (“CP”), due to circumstances beyond its control, so as to allow WRDC to operate on interim facilities while its permanent facilities are completed, and further requests a waiver of the Commission’s rules to the extent necessary. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹ WRDC hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for a period of 180 days; *i.e.*, from September 6, 2019 until March 4, 2020.

WRDC is assigned to transition from Channel 28 to Channel 14 in Phase 5 of the repack.

WRDC was informed that there will be a delay in completing construction of post-repack facilities due to the complexity of the installation which includes multiple antennas being installed on a candelabra tower. Additionally, because the station is moving to channel 14, it must also install a filter to protect land mobile service. An interim antenna has been installed and work has commenced on an interim transmitter. WRDC expects to be operational with interim facilities on Channel 14 on September 3, 2019. Thereafter, permanent facilities, including a 6-cabinet transmitter, a filter to protect land mobile operations, and an antenna, will be installed and tested.

Because of this delay, WRDC will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 5 on September 6, 2019. Thus, WRDC respectfully requests an extension of its CP since it will not be able to operate on its permanent post-repack facilities and therefore will not be able to cover its CP while construction is completed on its permanent facilities. WRDC is concurrently filing an STA request as well seeking permission to transition to its post-repack channel while operating on interim facilities. The instant request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because, prior to the completion of Phase 5, WRDC will still transition to its post-repack channel. Furthermore, grant of the instant CP extension request would be in the public interest because it would allow WRDC to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to viewers or the overall repack.

WRDC 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 Phase 5 deadline.

¹ This request has been filed fewer than 90 days before WRDC’s current construction deadline. The station only recently learned that construction of its post-repack facilities would be delayed. WRDC thus respectfully requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. §73.3700(b)(5)(iv).