

WCIV– Request for Construction Permit Extension

WMMP Licensee L.P., licensee of station WCIV(TV), Charleston, SC, FIN 9015 (“WCIV”), hereby requests an extension of its construction permit (File No.: 0000034046) (“CP”), due to circumstances beyond its control, so as to allow WCIV 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 WCIV hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for a period of 180 days from September 6, 2019 until March 4, 2020.

WCIV is assigned to transition from Channel 36 to Channel 25 in Phase 5 of the repack.

A transmitter crew will be on site on August 29 to install the interim transmitter and final combiner. The current combiner serves WCIV, Station WTAT(TV), Charleston, SC (FIN 416), and WCBD-TV, Charleston, SC (FIN 10587). A new combiner will separate out WTAT and serve only WCIV and WCBD. WTAT must cut to new operation before WCIV can. Post transition, a two-cabinet transmitter must be installed, tested and a proof-of-performance must be conducted. Because of the time needed to install and test the transmitter and the need to sequentially install certain other equipment, WCIV will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 5 on September 6, 2019. The projected date for transition to interim facilities is September 6, 2019. WCIV has been delayed in these undertakings by a shortage of helicopter and transmitter crews.

WCIV 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 5.

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