

WWMB – Request for Construction Permit Extension

HSH Myrtle Beach (WWMB) Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WWMB(TV), Florence, SC, FIN 3133 (“WWMB”), hereby requests an extension of its construction permit (File No.: 0000034332) (“CP”), due to circumstances beyond its control, so as to allow WWMB 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 WWMB hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for a period of 180 days from September 6, 2019 until March 4, 2020.

WWMB is assigned to transition from Channel 21 to Channel 26 in Phase 5 of the repack.

The installation of WWMB’s interim low-power transmitter has been completed, with a projected switchover date of August 30, 2019. An antenna crew is currently on site to install the interim antenna. Helicopter-related work for the permanent facilities has already been completed. After August 30, the full power, two-cabinet transmitter needs to be installed. WWMB has been delayed by a shortage of transmitter installation crews.

Because of this delay, WWMB will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 5 on September 6, 2019. Thus, WWMB 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. WWMB is concurrently filing an STA request as well seeking permission to transition to its post-repack channel while operating on interim facilities. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because, prior to the completion of Phase 5, WWMB 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 WWMB to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WWMB 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 WWMB’s current construction deadline. The station only recently learned that construction of its post-repack facilities would be delayed. WWMB thus respectfully requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. §73.3700(b)(5)(iv).