

WTTO – Request for STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

WTTO Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WTTO(TV), Homewood, AL, FIN 74138 (“WTTO”), hereby requests special temporary authority (STA), due to circumstances beyond its control, 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. WTTO hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days from August 30, 2019 until February 26, 2020.

WTTO is assigned to transition from Channel 28 to Channel 21 in Phase 5 of the repack.

WTTO was informed that the helicopter that is required to install the main post-transition antenna will not be available until on or after September 6, 2019. In addition, a three-cabinet transmitter must be installed, tested and a proof-of-performance must be conducted for WTTO’s permanent facilities. Because of the time needed to install and test the transmitter and the need to sequentially install certain other equipment, WTTO 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 using an interim antenna and transmitter is August 30, 2019.

WTTO 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 5, WTTO 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 WTTO to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WTTO 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.