

WTTO – Request for Construction Permit Extension

WTTO Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WTTO(TV), Homewood, AL, FIN 74138 (“WTTO”), hereby requests an extension of its construction permit (File No.: 0000029999) (“CP”), due to circumstances beyond its control, so as to allow WTTO 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 WTTO hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for a period of 180 days from September 6, 2019 until March 4, 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 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. WTTO 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, WTTO 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 WTTO to broadcast on its post-repack channel without affecting 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.

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