

WLFL – Request for STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

WLFL Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WLFL(TV), Raleigh, NC, FIN 73205 (“WLFL”), 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. WLFL hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days from September 3, 2019, *i.e.*, until March 1, 2020.

WLFL is assigned to transition from Channel 27 to Channel 18 in Phase 5 of the repack.

Construction of the station’s post-transition facilities has been delayed because WLFL has not received all required new broadcast equipment necessary for construction and the station’s necessary tower work has not yet been completed. The station has installed an interim antenna and the station’s interim transmitter is in the process of being installed, with operation of the station on interim facilities on the station’s new channel scheduled to begin on or before September 3, 2019. Prior to transition to permanent facilities, a four-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, WLFL will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 5 on September 6, 2019. Thus, WLFL 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, WLFL 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 WLFL to broadcast on its post-repack channel while not effecting the overall repack.

WLFL 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.