

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

The existing STA is for operation on temporary interim Channel 20 and expires September 28, 2019. An extension of 10 days is needed, to and including October 18, 2019, which is the final date of repack transition Phase 6, the phase during which WBQC-LD will move to its final home on Channel 28.

As explained in the initial STA request, LMS File No. 0000058280 and the first extension, LMS File No. 0000068719, WBQC-LD is licensed on Channel 47 but was forced to vacate that channel in August of 2018 to allow T-Mobile to operate in that band. WBQC-LD has a granted displacement CP to operate on Ch. 28, but the station's ability to construct is linked to move by two other stations. An STA was requested and granted to operate on Channel 20 as an interim measure.

WBQC-LD cannot move to Ch. 28 until WPTO, Facility ID 25065, currently transmitting on Ch. 28, moves to Ch. 29 under LMS File No. 0000034602, which it will do in Phase 6.

WBQC-LD's STA Channel – Channel 20 -- will remain available until the end of Phase 6, when it will be taken over by WLWT, FID ID 46979 under LMS File No. 0000034539.

Neither WPTO nor WLWT has requested a waiver of the Phase 6 deadline or an extension of its construction permit. WBQC-LD is ready and able to move to Channel 28 by October 18, 2019, the end of Phase 6.

A grant of an additional 10 days will permit WBQC-LD to remain on the air serving its viewers, while coordinating its transition with WPTO and WLWT.