

WRGT-TV – Request for STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

WRGT Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WRGTV, Dayton, OH, FIN 411 (“WRGT”), 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. WRGTV hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days from October 18, 2019 until April 15, 2020.

WRGT is assigned to transition from Channel 30 to Channel 36 in Phase 6 of the repack. WRGTV’s construction of its permanent facilities has been delayed due to equipment delivery and crew delays. As of this filing, a new interim transmitter and new interim antenna have been installed for the station. The post-repack permanent full power transmitter and full power top mount antenna have yet to be installed; therefore, WRGTV plans to use the interim transmitter and the interim antenna to effectuate the transition to its new post-repack channel. Because of the time needed to install the new main full power transmitter and the new top mount main antenna, WRGTV will not be able to fully complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 6 on October 18, 2019, but the station plans to cut-over using the interim facilities on its new channel prior to that date.

Thus, WRGTV 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 6, WRGTV 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 WRGTV to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WRGT will cease operations on its pre-auction facilities and intends to begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel utilizing the above-referenced temporary facilities prior to the end of Phase 6.