

WKEF– Request for STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

WKEF Licensee L.P., licensee of station WKEF(TV), Dayton, OH (FIN 73155) (“WKEF”), 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. WKEF hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days from September October 18, 2019 until April 15, 2020.

WKEF is assigned to transition from Channel 18 to Channel 34 in Phase 6 of the repack. WKEF’s construction of its permanent facilities has been delayed due to equipment delivery and crew delays. As of this filing, WKEF’s main full power transmitter and the new top mount antenna have yet to be installed; therefore, WKEF plans to use its existing retuned transmitter and its 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, WKEF 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 on that date.

Thus, WKEF respectfully requests an STA to operate on its post-repack channel using an interim antenna and an interim transmitter 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, WKEF 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 WKEF to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WKEF 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 6.