

## WPBN-TV – Request for Construction Permit Extension

WPBN Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WPBN-TV, Traverse City, MI, FIN 21253 (“WPBN”), hereby requests an extension of its construction permit (File No.: 0000034373) (“CP”), due to circumstances beyond its control, so as to allow WPBN 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).<sup>1</sup> WPBN hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for a period of 180 days; *i.e.*, from October 18, 2019 until April 15, 2020.

WPBN is assigned to transition from Channel 47 to Channel 35 in Phase 6 of the repack. WPBN’s construction of its permanent facilities has been delayed due to equipment delivery and crew delays. As of this filing, an interim transmitter and the station’s main top mount antenna have been installed. The post-repack permanent full power transmitter is currently being installed; therefore, WPBN plans to use the interim transmitter and the station’s main antenna to effectuate the transition to its new post-repack channel. Because of the time needed to complete the installation of the new main full power transmitter, WPBN 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.

Because of this delay, WPBN will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 6 on October 18, 2019. Thus, WPBN 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. WPBN 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 6, WPBN 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 WPBN to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WPBN 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.

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