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CP EXTENSION REQUEST FOR WMEC

This document will describe the circumstances that create the request for the construction permit extension for WMEC (FCC File Blank#87610). There is public benefit associated with this CP Extension as WMEC will be off the air without the authorization.

The licensee of WMEC executed their normal bid process and awarded the bid to ERI as the antenna supplier. ERI notified the licensee of WMEC on November 20th that the WMEC antenna would not be delivered in time to meet the Phase 7 January 17, 2020 deadline. Due to the high demand of antennas, and the number of stations receiving antennas in cue in front of WMEC, delivery of the antenna is not expected to occur until March 10th. ERI and WMEC were unable to come up with any plan where the phase transition could be met unless an interim antenna can be deployed. To that end, the licensee is in the process of applying for an STA to use an interim antenna and ERI is delivering an antenna to be connected to the existing transmission line in order to meet the January 17th transition date for the repacked channel 36.

Due to potential weather delays with the installation and test of the antenna with its associated transmitter, the CP extension date is requested to be May 31st.