

Request for Extension of Engineering STA

NBC Telemundo License LLC (“NBCU”), the licensee of WNEU, Merrimack, New Hampshire (FIN 51864), hereby respectfully requests an extension of the special temporary authority for WNEU’s interim facilities (File No. 0000074854, granted June 26, 2019) (“WNEU STA”). WNEU’s interim facilities are at variance from the antenna height and effective radiated power (ERP) specified in WNEU’s repack channel construction permit (File No. 0000034700).¹

As explained in its initial request, the FCC assigned WNEU to be repacked from channel 34 to channel 29 in transition phase 4 with a phase completion date of August 2, 2019. WNEU terminated operations on its pre-auction channel on August 2, 2019 and commenced operations on its repack channel with the interim facilities authorized by the WNEU STA.

WNEU’s new repack channel antenna was temporarily installed at a lower height to allow WNEU to cease operations on its pre-auction channel by the phase 4 deadline, and because WNEU’s new repack channel antenna cannot be moved up to its final position until American Tower completes additional work needed on top of the tower. The additional tower work needed includes the removal of an existing double-stacked broadband antenna system shared by four repacked television stations and two FM radio station antennas, the installation of a new antenna support structure for the new top-mounted broadband antenna to be shared by the four repacked television stations, and the reinstallation of the FM antennas, among other things. This work is currently estimated to be completed in Spring 2020. Accordingly, an extension of the WNEU STA is hereby requested so that WNEU may continue serving its viewers with its interim facilities.

¹ The WNEU STA specifies an antenna radiation center AGL of 314.25 meters rather than 370.1 meters, and an ERP of 700 kW rather than 540 kW.