

WJTC (TV) – Request for Construction Permit Extension

Deerfield Media (Mobile) Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WJTC(TV), Pensacola, FL, FIN 41210 (“WJTC”), hereby requests an extension of its construction permit (File No.: 0000087488) (“CP”), 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. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹ WJTC hereby respectfully requests an extension of its CP for a period of 90 days from January 17, 2020 until April 16, 2020.

WJTC is assigned to transition from Channel 45 to Channel 35 in Phase 7 of the repack. There has been a delay in completing construction of post-repack facilities due to the unavailability of tower crews. As of this filing, the station is currently working on installation of its temporary transmitter, transmission line, and antenna. The post-repack permanent top mount antenna, and permanent four panel transmitter have yet to be installed; therefore, WJTC plans to use an interim transmitter and interim antenna to effectuate the transition to its new post-repack channel. Because of the time needed to install the new main top mount antenna, WJTC will not be able to fully complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 7 on January 17, 2020, but the station plans to cut-over using the interim facilities on its new channel on that date.

Because of the delay, WJTC will not be able to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end of Phase 7 on January 17, 2020. Thus, WJTC 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. WJTC 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 7, WJTC 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 WJTC to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WJTC will cease operations on its pre-auction facilities and begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel utilizing the above-referenced temporary facilities before the completion of Phase 7.

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