

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization

TV Translator Station W33CR-D / W34FM-D, Chambersburg, PA (Facility ID 73081)

WITF, Inc. (“WITF”), licensee of noncommercial educational TV translator Station W33CR-D, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, respectfully requests a six-month extension of its existing Special Temporary Authorization (“STA”) to operate the station in accordance with its granted channel 34 displacement construction permit (W34FM-D, FCC File No. 0000053818) but at a reduced power and with an alternate antenna (the translator’s existing Scala SL-8). WITF originally applied for the STA on July 31, 2019 in FCC File No. 0000079364, and it was granted by the FCC on August 5, 2019. The STA is currently due to expire on February 4, 2020.

As noted in the original STA request, WITF applied for displacement for its W33CR-D Chambersburg translator during the Special Displacement Window opened by the FCC for LPTV/translator stations that were displaced by the incentive auction and repacking process. WITF’s Chambersburg translator was required to vacate its existing channel 33 as of August 2, 2019 in connection with the post-auction repack process, and WITF obtained the channel 34 displacement permit, under call sign W34FM-D, in connection with that situation.

In the time since the original STA filing, WITF ceased operation on channel 33 and began operation on channel 34 pursuant to the STA grant, with its available transmitting equipment and at approximately 33% of the power level authorized by the displacement construction permit. Most recently, WITF engineers have started to reevaluate the technical viability of the long-term use of the channel 34 construction permit facility, and WITF therefore seeks extension of the STA until it resolves this technical review as needed to finalize its permanent displacement facilities.

WITF respectfully submits that a grant of STA will serve the public interest by authorizing the continued operation of this TV translator on its available displacement channel (at a reduced power) pending permanent licensing of the displaced translator with new long-term facilities. WITF is a noncommercial educational licensee and operates this translator on a noncommercial educational basis, rebroadcasting its co-owned noncommercial educational television station WITF-TV for viewers in the Chambersburg area.