

## **WYDO (TV) – Request for Extension of STA to Operate at Reduced Power**

New Bern (WYDO-TV) Licensee, Inc., licensee of station WYDO(TV), Greenville, NC, FIN 35582 (“WYDO”), hereby requests an extension of its current special temporary authority (“STA”), to operate at reduced power on Channel 19 while its permanent facilities are completed, and further requests a waiver of the Commission’s rules to the extent necessary. WYDO hereby respectfully requests permission to continue operating at its current power levels, for a period of 180 days from January 17, 2020 until July 15, 2020.

WYDO is currently operating at reduced power on its post-repack Channel 19. The Station commenced such operation on December 6, 2019. WYDO is co-located with station WCTI-TV, New Bern, NC, FIN 18334, and WYDO and WCTI plan to replace WCTI’s current top mount antenna with a new shared stacked antenna system. As of this filing, both stations transmitters have been completely installed; however, the stations are currently working on the removal of the current top mount antenna system and replacement with the new stacked antenna system, both of which require the use of a helicopter. Because of the complexity of the changes and time needed to install the new shared antenna, WYDO has not been able to fully complete its transition and construction of its permanent post-repack facilities.

Thus, WYDO respectfully requests an extension of its STA while construction and installation is completed on its permanent facilities. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because WYDO has already started operating on its post-repack channel, and moreover there are no downstream dependencies with respect to its transition. For this reason, the grant of the instant STA request would be in the public interest because it would allow WYDO to continue broadcasting on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.