

WRDC – Request for Extension of STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

Raleigh (WRDC-TV) Licensee, Inc., licensee of digital television broadcast station WRDC, Durham, NC (Facility ID No. 54963) (“WRDC” or the “Station”) hereby requests a 180-day extension of its special temporary authority (LMS File No. 0000080599), due to circumstances beyond its control, to continue 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. WRDC hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days from February 27, 2020 until August 25, 2020.

WRDC was assigned to transition from Channel 28 to Channel 14 in Phase 5 of the repack, but was granted an extension of its post-auction construction permit (LMS File No. 000068684, as extended in LMS File No. 0000080542) and is separately requesting a further extension due to circumstances beyond its control.

The Station has made significant progress in constructing its post-transition facilities, including its permanent antenna and transmitter. However, the Station continues to work on its main transmission line, which still needs to be installed. Due to the work still needed on its transmission line, the Station’s transmitter continues to operate at reduced power. Weather and a lack of transmission crews have delayed final installation of the main transmission line. This has been a problem for the other stations that use this facility as it is a common tower.

WRDC respectfully requests an STA extension to continue to operate on its post-repack channel from interim facilities while construction is completed on its permanent facilities. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because WRDC is and will continue to operate on its post-repack channel. Furthermore, grant of the instant STA request would be in the public interest because it would allow WRDC to continue to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.