

WPSD – Request for STA to Operate on Interim Facilities

WPSD-TV, LLC licensee of WPSD-TV, Paducah, KY (FIN 51991), hereby requests special temporary authority (STA), due to circumstances that were unforeseeable and are beyond our control, so as to allow WPSD-TV 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. WPSD hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days, beginning on May 1, 2020, to ensure its permanent facilities are completed.¹

WPSD-TV is assigned to transition from Channel 32 to Channel 19 in Phase 9 of the post-Incentive Auction repack. WPSD-TV's construction of its permanent post-auction facility has been delayed due to the inability of the tower company (Tower Consultants, Inc.) to complete the install of the tall tower top antenna. Weather delays have caused the tower company to be delayed in completing tall tower work thus creating a delay to our site. WPSD-TV learned about the delay in a letter from Tower Consultants, Inc., dated March 5, 2020. As of this filing, WPSD-TV's low power post-auction channel interim transmitter and interim antenna have been installed. WPSD-TV's full power permanent post-auction transmitter and top antenna have yet to be installed; therefore WPSD-TV plans to temporarily use the interim facilities to effectuate the transition to the new post-auction channel. Because of the delays and time needed to complete the permanent post-auction facility, WPSD-TV will not be ready to fully complete construction of the permanent post-auction facility on May 1, 2020. WPSD-TV is ready to operate from an interim facility on its post-auction channel and will cut-over using that interim facility by the end of Phase 9 on May 1, 2020.

WPSD-TV respectfully requests an STA to operate on its interim post-auction facilities while construction is completed on its permanent post-auction facility. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because there are no dependencies related to our post-auction transition and we will be operating on our post-auction channel without disruption to the overall repack.

WPSD-TV will cease operations on its pre-auction facilities and begin broadcasting on its post-auction channel with the above referenced facilities on the May 1, 2020 (Phase 9 completion date).

¹ WPSD-TV is concurrently filing a Construction Permit Extension Request and Request for Waiver of Construction Permit Application Filing Deadline.