

Request to Extend STA for Interim Post-Transition Channel Operations

This STA extension request seeks continued, ongoing authority for WLFB to continue to operate on its post-transition channel 25 from the station's interim antenna to facilitate the completion of the construction of WLFB's full repack facility on post-transition channel 25. STA was originally granted in LMS File No. [0000081854](#), which is scheduled to expire on March 23, 2020.

WLFB timely terminated its pre-transition channel operations in October 2019 (prior to the end of Phase 6), and WLFB has been operating on its post-transition channel interim facility pursuant to STA since that time.

The precise timeline for the completion of the full WLFB post-transition facility is unknown at this time, and WLFB is continuing to work with its vendors to try to make progress on the construction of WLFB's new tower. However, permits for the new tower have not yet been issued, and construction of the new tower has not yet commenced. WLFB previously expected construction to be complete sometime in second quarter 2020, and as of this filing WLFB believes that later in 2020 is a far more likely timeline than second quarter 2020.

Extension of STA for interim operations from WLFB's side-mount antenna specified herein is in the public interest because it is in furtherance of WLFB's repack transition plan. Indeed, the Commission has specifically contemplated precisely this type of temporary, "interim" operation in furtherance of the overall post-Auction transition in order to facilitate continuity of service for viewers and to avoid stations being off-the-air for periods of time during construction activities of repacked stations. *See, e.g., Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Adopt a Post-Incentive Auction Transition Scheduling Plan*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 890 (2018), ¶ 62 ("[I]nterim and auxiliary facilities will be an important part of the transition for broadcasters and we will take action as appropriate to facilitate the use of such facilities and equipment.").

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