

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

KBSI Licensee L.P., licensee of station KBSI(TV), Cape Girardeau, MO (FIN 19593) (“KBSI” or the “Station”), hereby requests extension of special temporary authority (STA) (FCC File No. 0000086498) due to circumstances beyond its control, 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. KBSI hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 180 days from April 17, 2020 until October 14, 2020.

KBSI was assigned to transition from Channel 22 to Channel 36 in Phase 6 of the repack. KBSI transitioned to its post-auction channel using interim facilities on October 18, 2019. KBSI’s construction of its permanent facilities has been delayed due to equipment delivery issues and tower crew unavailability. As of this filing, the new transmitter, filter and RF components have arrived, and the station’s interim antenna has been installed. Marsand, Inc. has fully installed the station’s full power permanent transmitter. Due to the unavailability of tower crews, the post-repack permanent top mount antenna has yet to be installed. As Media Bureau staff is aware, the Station’s engineers, tower crews and transmitter crews have been unable to travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in further delays.

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