

## **Request for Tolling of Construction Permit – WSTR-TV**

Deerfield Media (Cincinnati) Licensee, LLC, licensee of digital television broadcast station WSTR-TV, Cincinnati, OH (Facility ID No. 11204) (the “Station”), pursuant to Section 73.3598(b) of the Commission’s rules, respectfully requests a waiver of the Commission’s tolling provisions for the Station’s post-repack construction permit (“CP”) for Channel 18 (LMS File 0000034777, as extended in LMS File 0000086548). The Station is currently operating on its post-repack Channel 18 using interim facilities pursuant to special temporary authority (LMS File No. 0000086549 and 0000099607). Based on the unusual and unexpected circumstances set forth below, the Station respectfully requests tolling of the Station’s CP for an additional period of 180 days.

The Station has made significant progress in constructing its post-repack facilities, including installation of the Station’s permanent antenna. However, due to the unavailability of transmitter crews, the Station has not yet installed the permanent transmitter. 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.

Consequently, the licensee respectfully requests that its CP be tolled since it is not able to operate on its permanent post-repack facilities at this time and therefore is not able to cover its CP with a license application by the current deadline. The Station seeks a brief extension of time of 180 days to complete construction of the Station’s post-repack facility. This extension will allow the Station and its associated crews to complete the work necessary for construction and installation of the Station’s final post-repack facilities.

The Station respectfully submits that grant of this request will not adversely impact the repack efforts of other stations because the Station will continue to operate on its post-repack channel. Furthermore, the Station respectfully submits that a grant of this tolling request would be in the public interest because it would allow the Station to continue operating without disruption of service to the public.