

Request for Tolling Relative to Reinstatement and Extension of Construction Permit and Waiver

Woods Communications Corporation ("Licensee"), the licensee of WCOV-TV, Montgomery, Alabama (Fac ID: 73642) (the "Station"), pursuant to Section 73.3700(b)(5)(i) of the Commission's rules, respectfully requests that the WCOV-TV post-auction construction permit ("CP") for Channel 22 (LMS File No. 0000078710 be reinstated and extended. The expiration date of the Station's CP was September 2019. The Station is currently operating on its post-auction Channel 22 using interim facilities pursuant to STA request. Based on the following unusual and extraordinary circumstances, the Licensee seeks reinstatement of the construction permit and extension until October 21, 2020. Licensee also requests, to the extent necessary, a waiver of the Commission's rules to accept the instant request. In this regard, it should be noted that the Licensee, besides the construction of WCOV, is also constructing WIYC, Troy, Alabama (Facility ID No. 62207). Problems with construction of both of these facilities have been overwhelming. It should be noted that the Licensee did implement the post-repack channel change for both facilities.

The Licensee's CP was set to expire in September 2019. The tower company completed installation of the transmission line and new Dielectric antenna. Dielectric sent in a technician to swap the new transmission line and test the antenna. The test failed and the Dielectric technician became concerned about the quality of the installation. Further inspection and correction is subject to delay because of the CV19 rules. Due to the current problems, another tower crew will be needed to correct and complete the job.

Licensee is also faced with delays relative to the coronavirus and difficulty in obtaining personnel.

Because of the complexity and significant amount of tower work and resources necessary to manufacture and complete construction, it seems prudent that the CP be reinstated and extended for six (6) months.¹

As the Commission is aware, there are few qualified tower crews operating in the United States and as such, installation schedules are often set with little room for delay. Accordingly, Licensee seeks reinstatement and extension of the CP. The Licensee submits that a grant of the instant request is in the public interest.

¹ The Licensee is also concurrently filing an Engineering STA.