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RE: Statement with Amendment to 387 - 10 Weeks Prior to Phase Completion

WMDT contracted with Warmus & Associates, Inc., to provide all tower related services and equipment for the repack. The tower crew was scheduled to arrive on March 3, 2020 to begin work installing the interim antenna and transmission line on which the station must transition to its new channel. However, they experienced weather delays at another site which precludes their ability to arrive in Salisbury, MD until after the station's March 13, 2020 transition date. Therefore, WMDT cannot meet its phase 8 deadline and was forced to request a phase change from phase 8 to phase 9. That request was granted yesterday.

At present, WMDT operates on channel 47, which is not in the post-repack broadcast spectrum. Therefore, no other television stations were impacted by the station's inability to meet the March 13, 2020 deadline. However, the station remains sensitive to the needs of the future occupants of this portion of the spectrum and intend to move to channel 29 as quickly as possible.

Barring exceptional weather delays, April 8, 2020 would be a reasonable date to have the interim equipment in place. We agree with that assessment, so WMDT now intends to transition to channel 29, on that interim equipment, at 12:01AM on April 9, 2020.

I was unable to make contact with the regional coordinator via email regarding this issue. Ultimately, I contacted Mark Columbo via email this morning, and he advised me to file an amended 387.

Thank you,

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