

## **WSES – Request for Extension of STA to Operate on Interim Facilities**

HSH Birmingham (WSES & WGWW) Licensee, LLC, licensee of digital television broadcast station WSES, Tuscaloosa, AL (Facility ID No. 21258) (“WSES” or the “Station”) hereby requests a 60-day extension of its special temporary authority (LMS File No. 0000080617, as extended in File no. 0000106662), due to circumstances beyond its control, to continue 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. WSES hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 60 days from September 7, 2020 until November 6, 2020.

WSES was assigned to transition from Channel 33 to Channel 36 in Phase 5 of the repack, but was granted an extension of its post-auction construction permit (LMS File No. 0000090768, as extended in File No. 0000080559 and tolled in File No. 0000106659) and is separately requesting a further extension due to circumstances beyond its control.

The Station has made significant progress in constructing its post-transition facilities, including completing its helicopter pick and final construction of its permanent antenna. However, the Station is still waiting to schedule crews to complete final installation of the permanent full-power transmitter. This installation has been delayed due to weather issues as well as a lack availability of transmitter crews.

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