

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

WLFL Licensee, LLC., licensee of digital television broadcast station WLFL, Raleigh, NC (Facility ID No. 73205) (“WLFL” or the “Station”) hereby requests a 90-day extension of its special temporary authority (LMS File No. 0000080604, as extended in File No. 0000106656), 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. WLFL hereby respectfully requests permission to operate from interim facilities for a period of 90 days from September 7, 2020 until December 6, 2020.

WLFL was assigned to transition from Channel 27 to Channel 18 in Phase 5 of the repack, but was granted an extension of its post-auction construction permit (LMS File No. 0000068685, as extended in File No. 0000080556 and tolled in File No. 0000106652) and is separately requesting further tolling due to circumstances beyond its control.

The Station has made significant progress in constructing its post-transition facilities, including installation of its permanent antenna. However, during the build out of station WRDC the high power channel 14 mask filter failed during the initial transmitter turn on. The mask filter has been returned to the manufacturer for redesign. WRDC and WLFL share an interim transmitter and because of the need to co-ordinate the WLFL and WRDC cut overs, operation of WLFL permanent facilities will be delayed.

WLFL 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 WLFL 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 WLFL to continue to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption to the overall repack.