

Request for Tolling of Construction Permit

WLFL Licensee, LLC, licensee of digital television broadcast station WLFL, Raleigh, NC (Facility ID No. 73205) (“WLFL” or 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-auction construction permit (“CP”) for Channel 18 (*See* LMS File No. 0000068685). The Station is currently operating on its post-auction Channel 18 using interim facilities pursuant to special temporary authorizations (LMS File No. 0000080604, as extended in File No. 0000105556). Based on the following unusual and extraordinary circumstances, the Station respectfully requests tolling of the Station’s CP for an additional period of 90 days.

On September 3, 2019, the Commission granted a 180-day extension of the Station’s CP, and on March 9, 2020 the Commission granted a tolling waiver of the CP until September 7, 2020. On March 31, 2020, the Commission extended the Station’s STA to operate on interim facilities while the Station’s permanent facilities were completed. That STA expires on September 7, 2020, and contemporaneously with this tolling request is requesting further extension of the STA.

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.

Consequently, WLFL respectfully requests that its CP be tolled since it is not be able to operate on its permanent post-repack facilities at this time and therefore is not be able to cover its CP as planned with a license application until installation of its permanent transmission line is complete and its transmitter can operate at full power. Accordingly, the Station seeks a brief extension of time of 90 days to complete the installation. This duration will allow the Station and its associated crews to complete the work necessary for the final construction and installation of the new transmission line. The Station respectfully submits that this request is in the public interest because it would allow the Station to continue providing broadcast service to viewers in its community until the necessary repairs can be completed.