

## **WCTI-TV – Request for Reinstatement and Tolling of Construction Permit**

WCTI Licensee, LLC, licensee of station WCTI-TV, New Bern, NC, FIN 18334 (“WCTI”), 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”) (LMS File No. 0000106300). The expiration date of the CP, as previously extended (LMS File No. 0000116538), was October 1, 2020. Based on the following unusual and extraordinary circumstances, the Licensee seeks a reinstatement and tolling of the Station’s CP for 60 days until **November 30, 2020**.

Due to tower crew and weather delays, WCTI was not able to fully complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by October 1, 2020. However, WCTI has made significant progress in constructing its post-repack facilities. The tower modifications have been completed, the tower crew is currently on-site, and the antenna replacement is expected to be completed over the next several days. Barring unforeseen delays, WCTI expects to complete the project in November. WCTI has been operating pursuant to STA with interim facilities on its post-repack channel (LMS No. 000116540), and a request for extension of that STA is also being filed with the Commission.

WCTI respectfully requests a reinstatement and tolling of its CP since it will not be able to complete the construction and installation of its permanent post-repack antenna until later this year. Due to an administrative oversight, WCTI failed to file a CP tolling request prior to October 1, 2020. WCTI regrets the failure to timely file this tolling request, but respectfully submits that the reinstatement and tolling of the CP despite such brief delay would serve the public interest. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because WCTI plans to continue to operate on its post-repack channel. Furthermore, grant of the instant CP extension request would be in the public interest because it would allow WCTI sufficient time to complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities.