

Request for Tolling of Construction Permit: WYDO(TV)

New Bern (WYDO-TV) Licensee, Inc. (“Licensee”), the licensee of WYDO(TV), Greenville, NC (Fac ID: 35582) (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 19 (LMS File No. 0000093145). The expiration date of the CP, as previously extended and tolled (LMS File No. 0000117792), is October 13, 2020. Based on the following unusual and extraordinary circumstances, the Licensee seeks tolling of the Station’s CP for a period of ninety (90) days until **January 11, 2021**.

The post-repack transmitter for the Station has been installed but due to delays in installation of the permanent post-repack antenna at the height authorized in the CP, the Licensee needs to continue to operate the Station at a lower antenna height with the facilities authorized in the current special temporary authorization (LMS File No. 0000117793) for an additional brief period. Although the installation of the station’s permanent antenna by helicopter was scheduled for August 20, 2020, weather issues caused that window to be missed. Licensee has now decided to use a gin pole to install the permanent antenna at the height authorized in the CP, and the tower crew is currently on site working on the installation. Licensee is also filing for an extension of the special temporary authorization described above.

The Licensee respectfully submits that the instant request will not adversely impact the repack efforts of other stations because the Station will continue to operate on its post-repack channel with interim facilities pursuant to extension of special temporary authorization which is being applied for by a separate application. Furthermore, the Licensee respectfully submits that a grant of this tolling request would be in the public interest because it would allow the Station to continue operating without disruption of service to the public, and to ultimately operate with permanent post-repack facilities on Channel 19.