

## **KGBT-TV – Request for Tolling of Construction Permit**

KGBT Licensee, LLC, licensee of station KBGT-TV, Harlingen, Texas, FIN 34457 (“KGBT”), pursuant to Section 73.3598(b) of the Commission’s rules, hereby requests a waiver of the Commission’s tolling provisions for KGBT’s construction permit (LMS File No. 0000105747, as extended in LMS File No. 0000116213) (“CP”) due to circumstances beyond its control. KGBT is currently operating on post-repack channel 18 using interim facilities pursuant to special temporary authority (LMS File No. 0000116214). KGBT hereby respectfully requests tolling of the CP for 60 days from October 31, 2020 until December 30, 2020.

KGBT was assigned to transition from Channel 31 to Channel 18 in Phase 10 of the repack. The station has made significant progress in constructing its post-transition facilities, including installation of its permanent post-repack transmitter. However, installation of the station’s permanent post-repack antenna was delayed due to scheduling and tower crew issues brought on by the global COVID-19 pandemic, and by various states’ stay-at-home orders. More recently, further delays have resulted from the lack of availability of helicopters to perform the top mount antenna installation due to the deployment of helicopters to fight wildfires in California. As a result of these delays, KGBT is not certain that it will be able to fully complete construction of its permanent post-repack facilities by the end the current October 31, 2020 deadline.

Thus, KGBT respectfully requests that its CP be tolled for a period of 60 days. KGBT is simultaneously filing a request for an STA to continue to operate on temporary interim facilities until KGBT can complete the construction. This request will not impact the repack efforts of other stations because KGBT plans to continue to operate on its post-repack channel. Furthermore, grant of the instant CP tolling request would be in the public interest because it would allow KGBT to complete construction while it continues to broadcast on its post-repack channel without disruption of service to the public.