

WIRE-CD REPACK STATUS / 2020 CHILDREN'S TELEVISION REPORT

WIRE-CD'S REPACK ANTENNA MALFUNCTIONED, SHORTING OUT A PORTION OF THE ANTENNA. THE SHORT CAUSED THE TRANSMITTER TO SHUT DOWN AND THE STATION WENT OFF AIR 01/11/2020. THE ANTENNA MALFUNCTION WAS QUITE SERIOUS AND COULD NOT BE REPAIRED WITHOUT REMOVING A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE ANTENNA AND DAMAGED PARTS REPLACED. THE PARTS HAD TO BE ORDERED AND A TOWER CREW FOUND TO DO THE REPAIR. DURING THIS TIME THE FCC'S STATION REPACK WAS IN FULL SWING AND TOWER CREW AVAILABILITY WAS NIL BOTH DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF WORK AS WELL AS THE EFFECT OF THE PANDEMIC ON THE NUMBER OF TOWER CREWS AVAILABLE TO DO WORK.

REPEATED CALLS TO TOWERS CREWS WERE MET WITH PROMISES THAT BECAME DELAYS AND EVENTUALLY NO SHOWS, WE FOUND A TOWER CREW THAT DID AN INSPECTION TO DO THE REPAIR AND THEN DISAPPEARED. DESPITE NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS AND OUR BEST EFFORTS WE WERE UNABLE TO FIND A RELIABLE TOWER CREW UNTIL EARLY DECEMBER 2020. AT THAT TIME WE SPENT AN ENTIRE WEEK CLEANING, REPAIRING AND REPLACING ANTENNA PARTS AND HAVING THOSE PARTS INSTALLED BY THE TOWER CREW. WIRE-CD RESUMED BROADCASTING 12/12/2020 FULL TIME AT FULL POWER, IS CURRENTLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RULES OF THE COMMISSION AND INTENDS TO REPORT A FULL COMPLIMENT OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND BEYOND.