

Construction Efforts

As noted in the Tolling Waiver Request, WLZE-LD's main transmitter, antenna and transmission line are installed at a temporary transmitter site. They will be moved to the new WINK-TV tower, when that tower is constructed.

Sun Broadcasting Inc. ("Sun") is informed that Fort Myers Broadcasting Company ("FMBC") was planning to erect the WINK-TV/WXCW/WLZE-LD tower in August 2020, but changes to the tower location made in response to a state road expansion plan required additional regulatory approvals. To this end, FMBC contracted for an environmental assessment of the relocated tower site. An antenna structure registration application was filed on November 17, 2020. FMBC's Consulting Radio Engineer obtained FAA clearance for the proposed tower on December 11, 2020. The local building permit for the revised tower was emailed to the Commission on April 29, 2021. The antenna structure registration for the new WINK-TV tower, ASRN 1319288, was granted on May 6, 2021. Sun filed for a minor modification of the WLZE-LD construction permit to specify the new WINK-TV tower¹ and that application was granted May 12, 2021.

Currently the old WINK-TV tower has been dismantled and the new WINK-TV tower is constructed beyond the 800 foot level. FMBC expects the new tower to be completely erected in January 2022 and Sun expects that Station WLZE-LD will be installed on the new tower by the end of March 2022.

¹ See LMS File No. 0000145004.