

Construction Efforts Update—January 18, 2022

As noted in the Tolling Waiver Request, WLZE-LD's main transmitter, antenna and transmission line are installed at a temporary transmitter site. The antenna and transmitter will be moved to the new WINK-TV tower, when antenna installation on the WINK-TV tower reaches the level of WLZE-LD's antenna height.

Sun Broadcasting Inc. ("Sun") is informed that Fort Myers Broadcasting Company ("FMBC") was planning to erect the WINK-TV/WXCW/WLZE-LD/WINK-FM 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.

Construction crews mobilized for the WINK-TV tower project in June 2021. Currently the old WINK-TV tower has been dismantled and the new WINK-TV tower is constructed to its full, 1519 foot level. The lights have been installed on the tower and FMBC has begun to install broadcast antennas, starting at the top with WINK-FM. The plan is to proceed from the highest antenna to the lowest antenna. So the antenna installation order is WINK-FM, WINK-TV, WXCW(TV) and then WLZE-LD.

The plan for constructing WLZE-LD is to install new transmission line on the tower and to move the existing antenna and transmitter from the temporary transmitter site to the WINK-TV site. The WLZE-LD transmission line has been purchased and is awaiting shipment to the tower site. Security considerations and limitations on storage at the WINK-TV tower site restrict the amount of broadcast equipment that can be in onsite storage at any given time. As WINK-TV and WXCW are installed on the tower, room will be created for shipment and storage of the WLZE-LD transmission line. Present plans are for the WLZE-LD transmission line to be installed by the end of February, 2022, with installation of the WLZE-LD antenna and transmitter following shortly thereafter.

¹ See LMS File No. 0000145004.