

Justification to Extend STA for W35CO-D

The University of North Carolina (“UNC”) seeks continued special temporary authority most recently granted in LMS File No. [0000214633](#) to continue to operate W35CO-D, Burnsville, North Carolina, at reduced power at the parameters described in the technical portion of this STA application.

UNC has been diligently working—and continues to work—on relocating the channel 35 translator site. The lease for the new site is nearly complete but, despite UNC’s best efforts, the couple of remaining details have been more difficult than expected to resolve. Once they are resolved the agreement will be finalized. Once that agreement is finalized (a process that is subject to certain state contracting requirements and protocols because UNC is a state agency), UNC plans to submit a construction permit application to allow for the relocation of the channel 35 site. With the timely filing and granting of the construction permit application, UNC hopes to have the site relocated and resuming full power operations within the next six months.

Accordingly, the licensee requests a six-month extension of the current STA to continue to operate at reduced power until the site can be properly relocated. In the event the site relocation process takes longer than six months, we will likely need a further extension of STA and will make a timely filing as necessary. Grant of this request is in the public interest because it maintains service of W35CO-D (albeit at reduced power).

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