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Amendment to Transition Plan Progress Report

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Service: **DTV** | Purpose: **Transition Plan Progress Report Amendment** | Status: **Superceded** | Status Date: **05/26/2020**
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General Information

Section	Question	Response
Filing Information	Filing Type	10 weeks before the end of the assigned construction deadline for the station
Attachments	Are attachments (other than associated schedules) being filed with this application?	Yes

Applicant Information

Applicant Name, Type, and Contact Information

Applicant	Address	Phone	Email	Applicant Type
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Authorization Holder Name

☐ Check box if the Authorization Holder name is being updated because of the sale (or transfer of control) of the Authorization(s) to another party and for which proper Commission approval has not been received or proper notification provided.

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Permits and Tower Studies

Section	Question	Response
Approval and Permits	Does the Station require FAA approval (e.g., completion of FAA Form 7460-1 and a “No Hazard Determination”) in order to construct its post-auction facility?	No
	The Station has requested FAA approval for its post-auction facility.	
	The Station has received FAA approval for its post-auction facility.	
	Does the Station require Federal, State, and/or local permits, and/or a review of environmental impact, for its post-auction facility?	Yes
	Station has requested necessary Federal, State and/or local permits and/or review of environmental impact for its post-auction facility	Yes
	Station has received necessary Federal, State, and/or local permits and/or review of environmental impact for its post-auction facility	Yes
Tower Studies	Are radio frequency (RF) studies required in order for the Station to construct its post-auction facility?	No
	RF studies have been started	
	RF studies have been completed	
	Are structural tower studies required in order for the Station to construct its post-auction facility?	Yes
	Structural tower studies have been started	Yes
	Structural tower studies have been completed	Yes

Station Equipment

Section	Question	Response
Station Equipment	The Station has placed orders for the following equipment, if required:	
	Main Facility Antenna	Yes
	Main Facility Transmitter	Yes
	Main Facility Transmission line	Not Applicable
	Main Facility Mask Filter and/or RF Combiner	Yes
	Auxiliary antenna and related equipment	Yes
	Does the Station anticipate that it will receive all necessary equipment in time to meet the construction deadline for the Station’s main facility?	Yes
	Has Station received all required new broadcast equipment (antenna, transmitter, etc.) necessary to begin construction?	Yes

Towers and Antenna

Section	Question	Response
Towers Construction and Antenna Installation	Does the Station's post-auction facility require tower construction/modification work?	Yes
	Does construction of the Station’s post-auction facility require construction of a new tower or substantial modification of an existing tower?	No
	Has all necessary tower work been scheduled?	
	Has all necessary tower work been completed?	
	Does the Station anticipate that all tower work, including antenna installation, will be completed in time to meet its construction deadline?	No
	Please Explain: COVID-19 caused tower crew shut down for 6 weeks. Crew must arrive by mid-May to replace auxiliary antenna to meet Phase 10 deadline. Arrival date uncertain. Main antenna will be replaced after 7/3/20. Please see exhibit in attachments.	
Auxiliary Antenna	Does the Station require use of a new auxiliary antenna system?	Yes
	Has the Station started all outside tower work and made all necessary equipment upgrades to commence testing of its new auxiliary antenna system?	No
	Has the Station completed all outside tower work and made all necessary equipment upgrades to commence testing of its new auxiliary antenna system?	
	Has the Station started testing on its new auxiliary antenna system?	
	Has the Station completed all testing on its new auxiliary antenna system such that it may now cease broadcasting on its pre-auction channel?	
Post-auction Facility	Has the Station completed all work, including construction, modification and/or installation, related to construction of its post-auction facility such that it is ready to begin testing on its post-auction facility?	No
	Has the Station completed all tower work?	No
	Has the Station completed all in-building (equipment) work?	No
	Does the Station have other issues that must be addressed before it can fully construct and/or operate its post-auction facility?	Yes
	Please Explain: See "WBAL-TV Amended 10-Week Transition Plan Progress Report TPPR Narrative Exhibit. pdf" in attachments. Also, transmitter vendor requiring mask filter changes to avoid interference with adjacent channel on the tower delaying transmitter installation.	
	Has the Station completed all construction work on its post-auction facility that is necessary to complete an application for a license to cover that facility?	No
Pre-auction Channel	Has the Station ceased broadcasting on its pre-auction channel?	No

Certification

Section	Question	Response
General Certification Statements	The Applicant waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by authorization or otherwise, and requests an Authorization in accordance with this application (See Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.).	
	The Applicant certifies that neither the Applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to §5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. This certification does not apply to applications filed in services exempted under §1.2002(c) of the rules, 47 CFR . See §1. 2002(b) of the rules, 47 CFR §1.2002(b), for the definition of "party to the application" as used in this certification §1.2002 (c). The Applicant certifies that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith.	
Authorized Party to Sign	**FAILURE TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF THE APPLICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ANY FEES PAID** Upon grant of this application, the Authorization Holder may be subject to certain construction or coverage requirements. Failure to meet the construction or coverage requirements will result in automatic cancellation of the Authorization. Consult appropriate FCC regulations to determine the construction or coverage requirements that apply to the type of Authorization requested in this application. WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND /OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, §1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION AUTHORIZATION (U.S. Code, Title 47, §312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, §503).	
	I certify that this application includes all required and relevant attachments.	Yes
	I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am an authorized representative of the above-named applicant for the Authorization(s) specified above.	**Douglas Durkee** *Hearst Television Manager of Spectrum Repack* 05/04/2020

Attachments

File Name	Uploaded By	Attachment Type	Description
WBAL 10-week Progress Update.pdf	Applicant	All Purpose	Exhibit: 10-week TPPR
WBAL-TV Amended 10-Week Transition Plan Progress Report TPPR Narrative Exhibit.pdf	Applicant	Amendment	Amended 10-week exhibit
WBAL-TV - GRANTED Phase Change Legal STA Request.pdf	Applicant	All Purpose	WBAL Phase 9 to 10 approval