

Calvert County Maryland, call sign WQXY863 was granted an extended implementation schedule on 7/11/2017. The County is seeking to extend its existing slow growth deadline from June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2020. In 2014, Calvert initiated the process to replace its 1997 vintage 800 MHz system. During the detailed design phase of the project, it was determined that five (5) additional transmitter sites were required to provide coverage to all parts of the County. In March of 2017 those five (5) new sites were identified and designed as part of the system. It was determined that five additional sites would be required to provide the coverage required by the County bringing the total number of transmitter sites to fifteen (15). The County sought and received an extended implementation schedule to specifically identify and develop new transmitter sites. Of the ten (10) new sites, one (1) is an existing tower and an MOU between the County and the tower owner is under negotiation. The nine (9) remaining new sites have obtained FAA clearance, received Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) numbers. All nine sites are currently being constructed. Seven sites are fully constructed – utilities and structures in place; tower constructed. All that remains is the installation of the 800 MHz equipment. Two sites are making good progress and need only to install utilities and structures to house the equipment and finalize tower construction. Construction at all sites is at a standstill due to the extreme winter weather and will not resume until spring. Resumption of construction is dependent upon the weather but is not reasonably anticipated until March at the earliest. All the new sites have completed site access negotiations and are in the permitting process which is anticipated to be complete by mid-2018. The County is asking that its implementation schedule be extended for an additional two years (until 6/30/2020) to accommodate the time needed to complete construction and installation on all fifteen sites. When initially seeking an extended implementation schedule on this call sign, the County did not request the full five years permitted under 90.629. To avoid unanticipated further delays which would necessitate a request for a further extension, the County is now seeking an end date of 6/30/2020.

The following implementation schedule is provided:

Contract Awarded	May 2016
Required State and Federal Regulatory reviews and approvals pursued and obtained	May 2016-June 2020
Tower Sites Constructed	May 2016-December 2019
800 MHz Transmitters Deployed and Operational	6/30/2020