

TECHNICAL EXHIBIT
FOR A NEW DIGITAL REPLACEMENT TRANSLATOR
FOR STATION KTLM(DT)
DONNA, TEXAS
CH 43 15 KW (MAX-DA)

Technical Narrative

This Technical Exhibit supports an application for a new digital replacement translator for digital television (DTV) station KTLM at Rio Grande City, Texas. Station KTLM is authorized to operate on digital channel 40, with a non-directional antenna effective radiated power (ERP) of 365 kilowatts (kW) and an antenna radiation center height above average terrain (HAAT) of 577 meters.¹

The applicant is the licensee of a full-service television station that experienced a loss of service affecting former analog viewers located east of Rio Grande City after it transitioned to its final, post-transition DTV facility. KTLM has received numerous complaints from viewers in the area to be covered by the proposed translator of difficulties with reception of the station's post-transition digital signal. Figure 1 is data collected from the University of Texas-Pan American, tabulating the complaint call data received for stations in the market. This independent call data shows that KTLM is clearly the station receiving most complaints. The applicant proposes to construct a replacement digital translator facility to help alleviate these digital reception issues.

Proposed Facilities

This application proposes digital operation on channel 43 with a directional antenna maximum ERP of 15 kW and an antenna radiation center height above mean sea level (RCAMSL) of 92 meters (see Figure 1). The proposed coordinates are (NAD27):

26° 14' 03" North Latitude
98° 01' 59" West Longitude

¹ See BMPCDT-20090304ABG, BLCDT-20090617AAK

The site is 69 kilometers southeast of the main DTV site. The antenna structure registration number is 1052964. Figure 2 shows the proposed antenna azimuthal pattern.

Figure 3 is a map showing the licensed KTLM(DT) 41 dBu (digital) coverage contour as well as the proposed digital translator 51 dBu contour. The contour of the requested facility will not extend beyond the service area of the applicant's former. The applicant accordingly is eligible to receive a permit to construct the requested facility.

Allocation Considerations

A study has been conducted to assure that the proposal will not create prohibited interference with other licensed, authorized or pending DTV, Class A, digital Class A, LPTV displacement applications or any licensed or authorized LPTV or translator stations. Using the procedures outlined in the FCC's OET-69 Bulletin, a standard 1 kilometer grid and 1 kilometer terrain distance increment, and 2000 U.S. Census, the proposal complies with the current FCC policy (i.e., less than 0.5% new interference caused to other pertinent assignments).

The applicant recognizes the proposal is secondary to other authorized full-service analog and DTV operations. The applicant understands that it must correct and/or eliminate prohibited interference that may result from its proposed operation.

Mexican Coordination

The proposed site is 19 kilometers from the U.S./Mexican border. The proposal appears to be short spaced with two Mexican assignments:

CH 42, Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Mexico (analog repeater for XHRBT), *short by 19 km*
CH 57, Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico, *short by 28 km*

Interference studies were made with respect to these two stations. As facilities were not known, they were assumed to be maximized. No predicted interference was found to be outside of the U.S. Coordination with Cofetel (Mexico) is respectfully requested.

Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Field Exposure

The proposed digital facilities were evaluated in terms of potential radio frequency (RF) energy exposure at ground level to workers and the general public. The radiation center for the antenna is located 68.3 meters above ground level. The proposed maximum ERP is 15 kW. Based on a conservative downward relative field of 0.5, the calculated power density at a point 2 meters (6.6 feet) above ground level will not exceed 2% of the FCC's recommended limit of 0.43 mW/cm^2 for channel 43 for an "uncontrolled" environment.

Access to the transmitting site will be restricted and appropriately marked with warning signs. In the event that workers or other authorized personnel enter restricted areas or climb the tower, appropriate measures will be taken to assure worker safety with respect to radio frequency radiation exposure. Such measures include reducing the average exposure by spreading out the work over a longer period of time, wearing "accepted" RFR protective clothing and/or RFR exposure monitors or scheduling work when the station is at reduced power or shut down.

It is noted that this statement only addresses the potential for radiofrequency electromagnetic field exposure. All other aspects of the environmental processing analysis will be or already have been provided to the FCC by the tower owner.



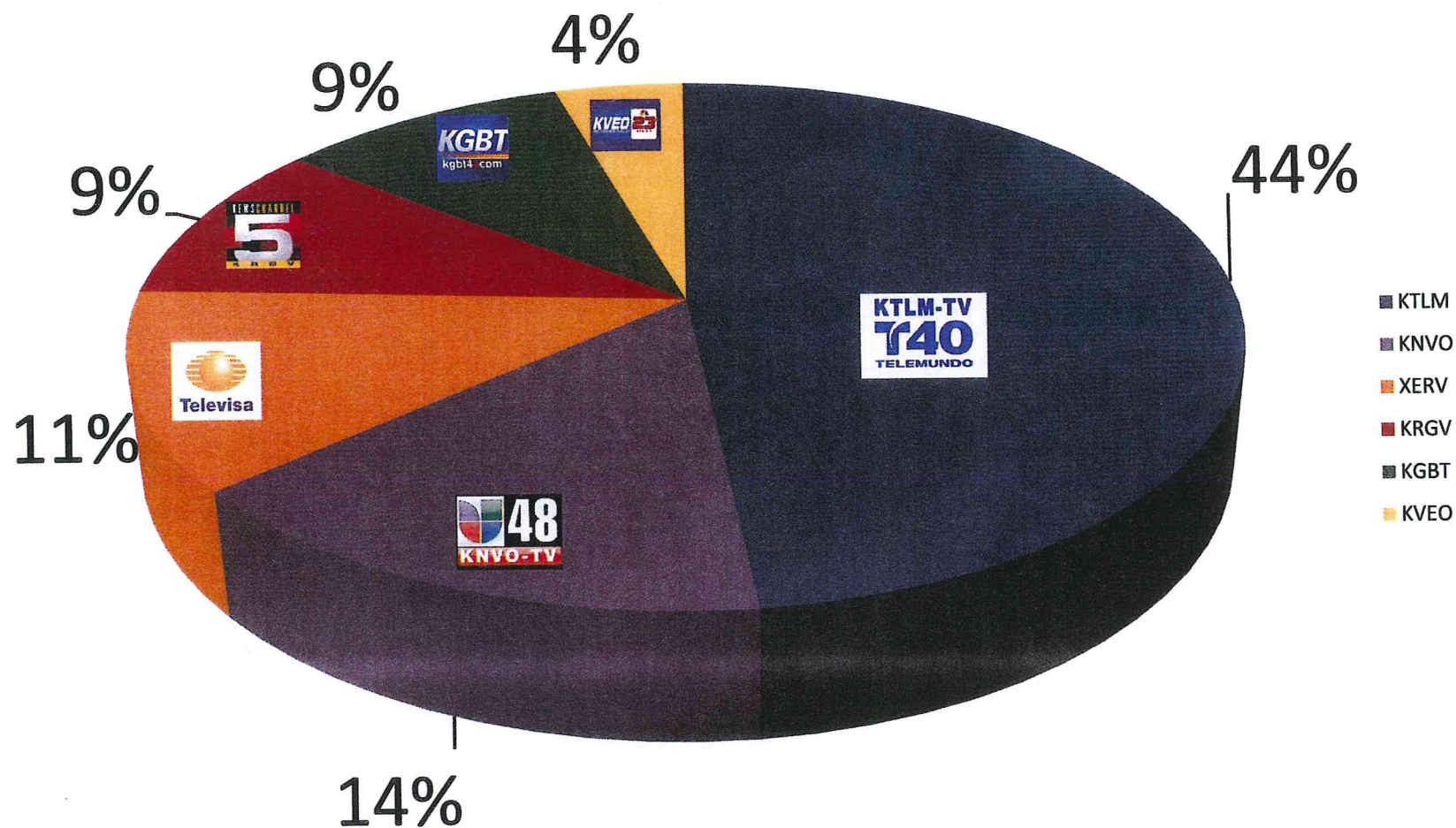
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Figure 1

Calls to the UTPA Call Center regarding reception problems for a specific station



Digital Transition Service Center: Incoming Phone Calls Final Report

The University of Texas-Pan American

June 12-16, 2009

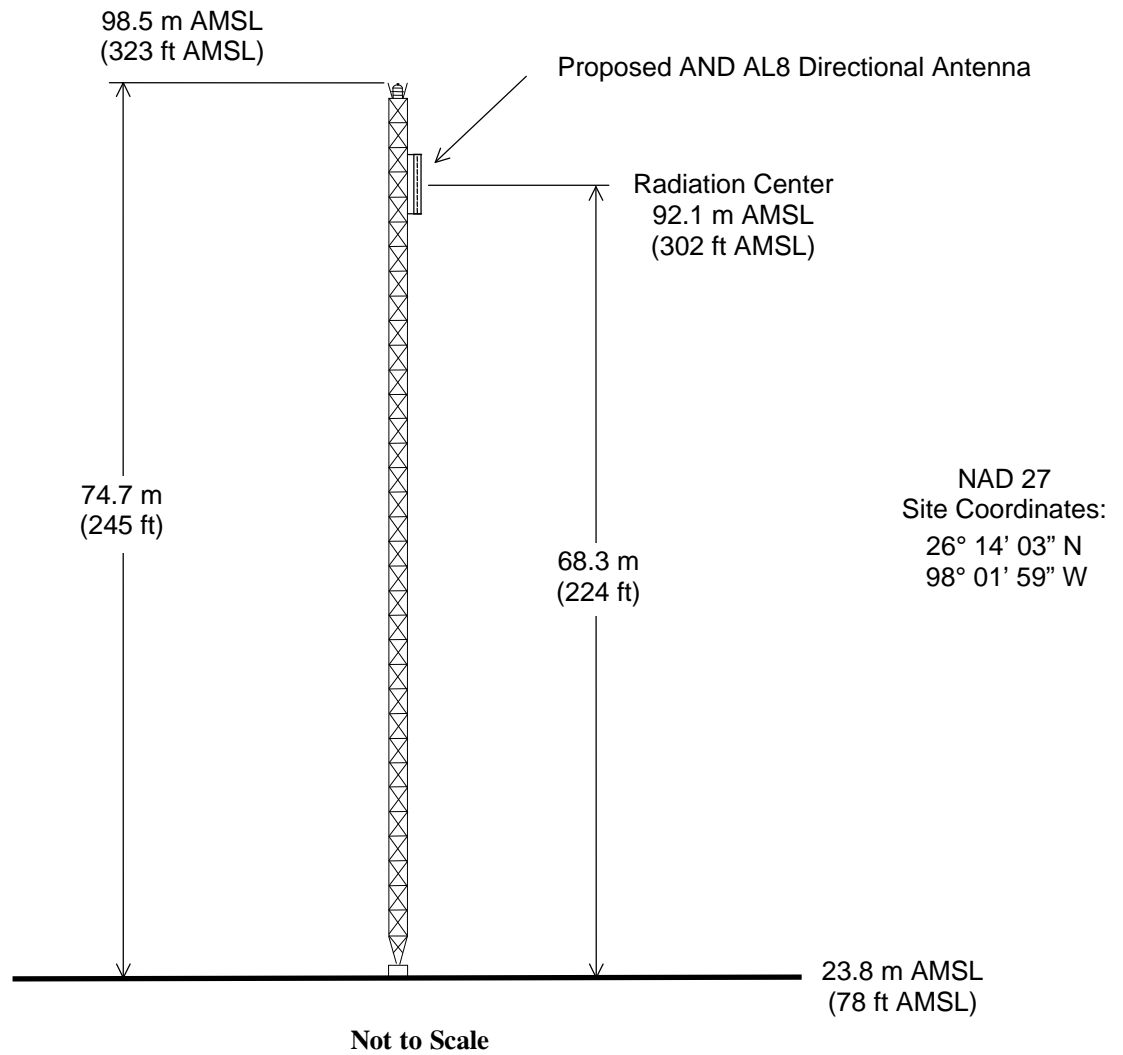
Figure 1

Coupons						
	caller application completed on line					1045
	caller application rejected - already redeemed					122
	call application rejected - other reason					81
						Sub-T 1248
					Percent 29%	
Converter Box						
	resolved converter box problem					453
	forwarded to 2-1-1 for fire fighter assistance					55
	provided number for free local installation					411
						Sub-T 919
						Percent 22%
Reception Problems						
	resolved reception problem					563
	need new antenna, or multiband antenna					143
	Suggested relocating antenna to attic or rooftop					269
	took information for station to return call					31
	Gave number of local professional installation of antenna					233
						Sub-T 1239
						Percent 29%
	Cannot receive this station					
	<u>Call Letter</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Analog</u>	<u>Digital</u>		
	KGBT	CBS	Ch 4	31	8.8%	57
	KVEO	NBC	Ch 23	24	4.0%	26
	KTLM	Telemundo	Ch 40	40	44.5%	287
	KLUJ	Ind	Ch 44	34	2.8%	18
	KNVO	Univision	Ch 48	49	12.2%	79
	KMBH	PBS	Ch 60	38	3.1%	20
	KRGV	ABC	Ch 5	13	9.6%	62
	XHRIO	FOX	Ch 2	49.3	3.4%	22
	XERV	Televisa	Ch 9	17	11.5%	74
						Sub-T 645
						Percent 15%
	OTHER					
					Sub-T 187	
					Percent 4%	
					Total 4238	

Figure 2



Registration No. 1052964



ANTENNA AND SUPPORTING STRUCTURE

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Figure 3

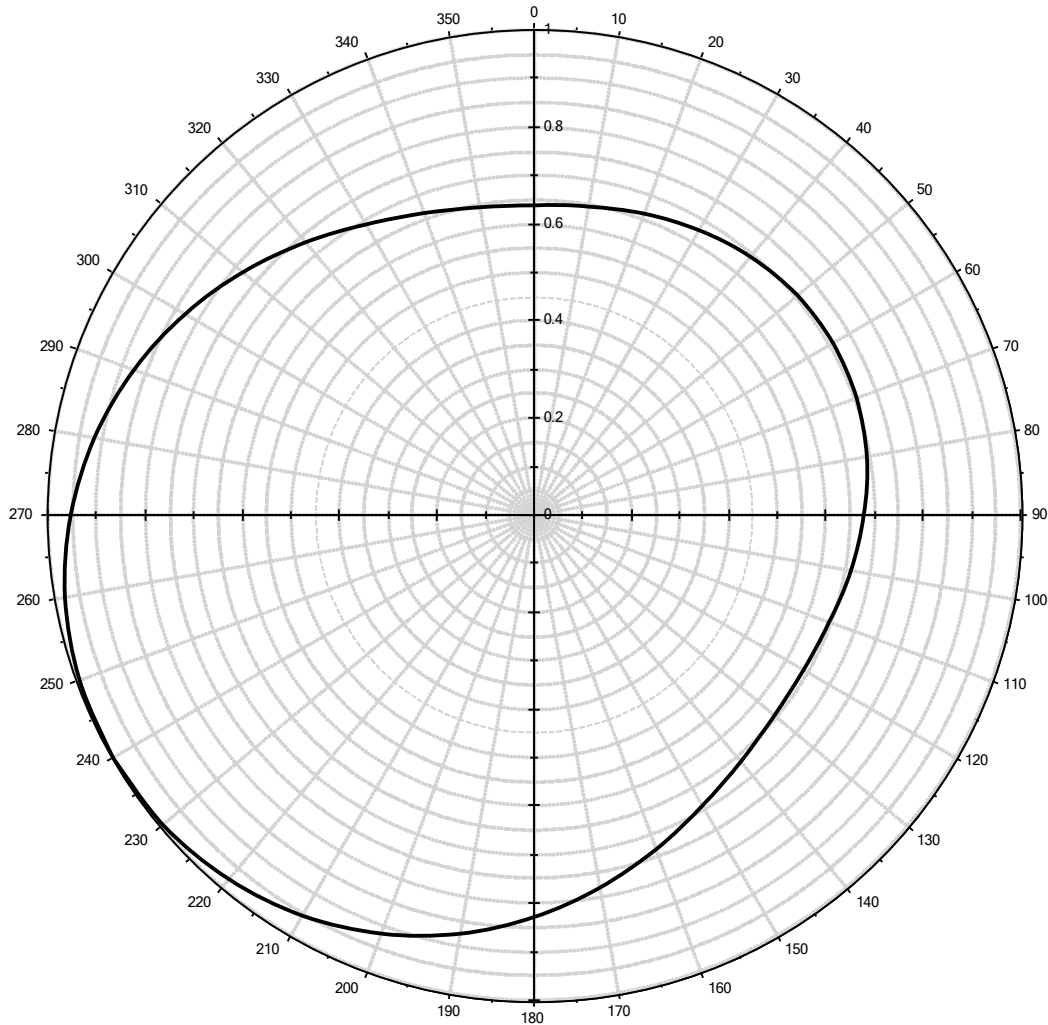
DA Inquiry

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Antenna ID: 16352

Andrew AL8



Note: display reflects rotation of 240.00°

0° 1.000	60° 0.829	120° 0.639	180° 0.709	240° 0.639	300° 0.829
10° 0.995	70° 0.780	130° 0.646	190° 0.705	250° 0.644	310° 0.876
20° 0.979	80° 0.733	140° 0.661	200° 0.694	260° 0.662	320° 0.918
30° 0.953	90° 0.692	150° 0.678	210° 0.678	270° 0.692	330° 0.953
40° 0.918	100° 0.662	160° 0.694	220° 0.661	280° 0.733	340° 0.979
50° 0.876	110° 0.644	170° 0.705	230° 0.646	290° 0.780	350° 0.995

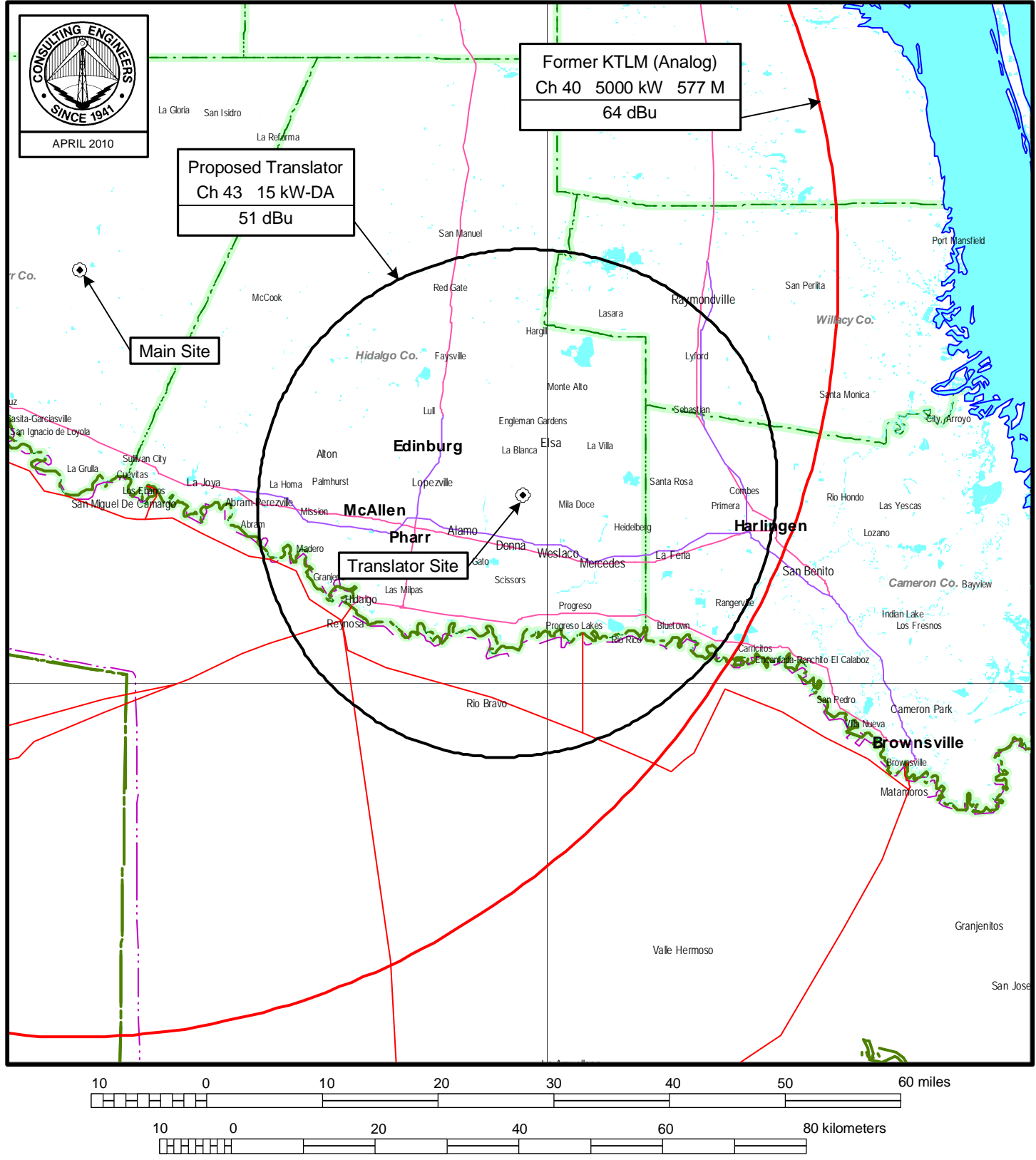
Antenna Make: AND

Standard Pattern: Y

Antenna Model: AL8

Last Change Date:

Figure 4



PREDICTED COVERAGE CONTOURS

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