

"extraordinary circumstances"

We have been on the air providing a public service for more than 31 years and have plans and equipment in place to convert to digital by September 1, 2015. But in April I read MB Docket No. 03-185 which states "...Effective immediately, the Media Bureau announces that the September 1, 2015 digital transition date for LPTV and TV translator stations is hereby suspended...". I mistakenly took this to include our low power station KVBI – LP. It wasn't until I received an email from FCC Electronics Engineer Melvin Collins 6/24/15 that I realized my misstate. His email read:

"We have determined that the subject station has not transitioned to a digital facility. The station will be considered transitioned to digital only after **a license to cover a digital construction permit is filed**. This is a reminder that the deadline for this transition is September 1, 2015. After this deadline the station will have to cease all analog operations. Thank you, Melvin Collins

When I received the email from Melvin, I went back and reread MB Docket No. 03-185 very carefully. Near the end it clearly states "... does not affect the September 1, 2015 digital transition date for Class A television stations." That puts our station License in an awkward position. Because Public Notice DA 15-116 Released: January 28, 2015 "MEDIA BUREAU DESIGNATES ...May 29, 2015 Deadline Also Applicable to Class A Television Stations Converting to Digital..." I realized my mistake 26 days after the deadline when I received Melvin's email.

Our station requests that the Commission please consider excepting our application for conversion to Digital even though we missed the May 29, 2015 deadline (DA 15-116).

We believe that the public's interest in our area would be furthered if the Commission would grant us the opportunity to file an application for conversion to Digital.

If the Commission were to except our application and give us a second chance, we will gladly pay the licensing fees and I vow to pay really close attention to the Commission's Public Notices in future.

Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

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