

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization

NCE Station KTNE-TV, Alliance, NE (Facility ID 47996)

Pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the FCC's Rules, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission ("NETC"), licensee of noncommercial educational television Station KTNE-TV, Alliance, Nebraska, respectfully requests a six (6) month extension of the station's existing Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") for operation at a reduced power and antenna height due to equipment problems. The FCC originally granted KTNE-TV's STA for temporary operation in FCC File No. BDSTA-20150421ABF, and the STA is currently due to expire on May 12, 2016, following an extension in FCC File No. 0000005169.

As explained in the original STA application, the KTNE-TV antenna experienced a catastrophic failure after the mounting of the antenna broke and the antenna fell to the ground. Accordingly, NETC obtained this STA to mount a temporary antenna on the tower for operation at a reduced power and antenna height while it sought to re-build the main antenna. The STA antenna operation consists of three bays mounted at the 1,000 foot level on each leg of the tower to develop an omni-directional pattern at 1.92 kW ERP. The F(50-90) noise-limited coverage contour for the STA operation serves the entire community of license of Alliance, Nebraska.

Following the grant of the STA and the initial extension grant, NETC has continued to work diligently towards resuming regular licensed operation for KTNE-TV. For instance, NETC commissioned a tower structural analysis to determine which antenna to use for the station. NETC also pursued the antenna design, production and delivery/installation, and is now working to schedule a tower crew in order to arrange for installation of the new antenna during favorable weather conditions expected later this Spring or Summer. Accordingly, grant of an extension of STA will serve the public interest by allowing NETC to maintain KTNE-TV's existing noncommercial educational television operation and programming for viewers in the station's local community (using the temporary reduced power and height facility) until such time as NETC can complete the antenna repairs to the permanent KTNE-TV facility as needed to address the facility damage caused by reasons beyond its control.

NETC is a noncommercial educational licensee, and a governmental entity, and it operates KTNE-TV on a noncommercial educational basis. NETC is therefore exempt from FCC filing fee requirements, pursuant to Section 1.1116 of the Commission's Rules, and the facility is exempt from FCC regulatory fees, pursuant to Section 1.1162 of the Rules.