

## **Engineering Statement**

Displacement of K43MM-D Proposed Channel 21 at Beowawe, Nevada May 31, 2018

This Engineering Statement has been prepared on behalf of the Beowawe County Television District (ECTD), licensee of Digital TV Translator Station K43MM-D at Beowawe, Nevada. The statement was prepared in support of a Displacement Channel Window Filing for facilities as herein proposed.

The translator currently operates on channel 43, which is outside of the new post-incentive auction core television spectrum. Consequently, the licensee must cease its operations on channel 43 in order to clear the spectrum in the area to enable the commencement of wireless operations in the band prior to the completion of the Post-Incentive Auction Repacking.

The licensee proposes to move its operations to channel 21.

The parameters of the proposed facility are as follows:

## **Proposed Parameters:**

Transmitter Location: 40-37-14.6 N 116-47-20.3 W (NAD 83)

Channel: 21

ERP: 0.3 KW Emission Mask: Stringent

Antenna Pattern: Custom Directional

Antenna Manufacturer: Scala

Antenna Model: 4DR-4S Panel
Antenna RCAGL: 5.2 Meters
Overall Structure AGL: 10.0 Meters
RCAMSL 2268.2 Meters



## **Interference Study:**

An interference study was undertaken utilizing the FCC's TVStudy program to analyze the co-channel and adjacent channel interference scenarios for the new proposed channel of operation.

The results of the study indicated that no impermissible interference would result from the proposed operations.

Based upon the forgoing interference study, it is believed that the proposed facility can operate without any impermissible interference to other stations.

## **RF Exposure Study:**

A study was conducted to determine compliance with the RF Radiation Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) limits of the proposed operation. The study was conducted using the methodology outlined in the FCC's OET Bulletin 65 regarding RF Radiation Compliance.

The study utilized the proposed antenna height of 5.2 meters AGL and a reference height of 2 meters AGL for the reference location. This yields a distance from the antenna of 3.2 meters.

The proposed antenna elevation pattern indicates that the downward radiation from the antenna from  $20^{\circ}$  to  $90^{\circ}$  below horizontal has a maximum relative field value of 0.3. This value was used in conjunction with the distance from the antenna and the prescribed formula from OET Bulletin 65 to determine a maximum predicted power density of  $293.6\mu \text{W/cm}^2$  at 2 meters above ground level near the base of the tower. The Maximum Permissible Exposure Level (MPE) for the Uncontrolled/General Population environment for Channel 21 is approximately  $343.3\mu \text{W/cm}^2$ . Thus, the proposal is approximately 85.5% of the General Population MPE level and is within the allowable limit. The licensee has restricted access to this mountaintop communications site with appropriate fencing and warning signs to ensure that the general public does not have access in close proximity to the antenna.

Based upon the forgoing it is believed that the proposed facility is in compliance with the required RF Exposure limits.

The licensee and all station personnel and contractors are required to follow appropriate safety procedures before the commencement of any work on the tower or in close proximity to the antenna. These procedures including reducing power or turning off the transmitter before any work is undertaken at the site. The licensee in coordination with



any other users of the site must reduce power or cease operations as necessary to ensure workers having access to the site, tower, and antenna locations are not exposed to RF Radiation levels in excess of those prescribed by FCC Guidelines.

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