

Request for extension Station Temporary Authority (STA)⁰¹ Television Station KLPA-TV

LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY

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April 4, 2018 FCC granted Louisiana Educational Television Authority (LPB) Television Station KLPA-TV Station Temporary Authority (STA)⁰¹ for a Side mounted Antenna operating at variance from the Commission's rules applicable to Effective Radiated Power (ERP)⁰³ and Antenna Radiation Center Above Average Terrain (HAAT)⁰⁴.

LPB requests that the FCC grant an extension to the April 4, 2018 STA expiring October 4, 2018. This STA extension period expiration date would be the beginning of FCC authorized phase two program test start date, officially December 1, 2018 or possibly sooner.

Attached is Continental Electronics Corporation (CEC) letter of September 27, 2018 detailing the delivery delays for the repack transmitter ordered November 1, 2017 with an expected shipping date on May 25, 2018. The CEC transmitter delivery to the LPB KLPA-TV Transmission Site occurred September 24, 2018 approximately four (4) months later than originally expected. Because the transmitter delivery date was unknown the required transition notifications to viewers and local MVPDs could not be determined. LPB within the present current STA's request, dated March 27, 2018, stated its intention contingent upon receiving FCC permission to begin repack channel program testing ahead of the official FCC start date. LPB is working toward that goal to obtain FCC permission to begin program testing earlier than the official start date, yet does expect to be fully operational on the official repack channel testing start date should earlier FCC permission be denied.

September 25, 2018 the KLPA-TV Tower updates were completed. As of this date the side mounted antenna is the only KLPA-TV antenna that can radiate the pre-repack signal channel 26. The post repack channel antenna and tower work is complete. The program test authority LPB will be requesting and potential STA expiration date is November 1, 2018.

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⁰¹ 73.1635(a)(1)(5) STA Request,


⁰² KLPA-TV Post-Transition CP File Number -0000028079, Granted: 08-04-2017

⁰³ 73.1635(a); 73.1560(d) Operating Power

⁰⁴ 73.1635(a)(5); 73.1680(a)(b) Emergency Antennas

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