

STATEMENT AS TO REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

The basis for the instant STA is to permit the applicant to go silent as it undertakes the necessary work at its transmitter site to convert to digital operations.

KNTL-LP is currently an analog LPTV station. Pursuant to Commission rules, KNTL-LP must transition to digital operations on or before July 13, 2021 in order to continue to operate in service to the public.

In LMS No. 0000054108, KNTL-LP has received a construction permit to transition to digital operations.

The licensee of KNTL-LP has determined that the Station cannot undertake its transition while it remains operational in analog. It needs the time, while the Station is not operating, to install replacement equipment that operate in the digital mode. The licensee expects that it will take more than 30 days in which to complete this work and requests that it be permitted to be silent while the work on the digital transition is undertaken and completed.

It is submitted that a silent STA is in the public interest, as analog stations are required to convert to digital and the Station can better serve the public interest as a digital station, once the necessary technical work is completed.

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