

Request for Special Temporary Authority

Unimas Partnership of Phoenix, licensee of K16FB-D, Globe, AZ(Facility ID 127930) (the “Station”) was listed as potentially displaced in the channel repacking LPTV data released by the Commission. Accordingly, the Station was entitled to file for a channel change during the LPTV/translator displacement filing window.¹ However, engineering analysis indicated that the Station could resolve displacement via a change of antenna. Accordingly, an application for construction permit was filed on August 14, 2018 and granted on October 17, 2018 (See File No. 0000058920).

Shortly before the grant of the Station’s construction permit, technical staff of the parent (NBCU) of the licensee of KHRR, Tucson, AZ (Facility ID 30601) a co-channel station, informed the Station’s consulting engineer that their analysis of service and interference suggested that KHRR could receive interference to service in locations northeast of Tucson and outside its predicted noise-limited contour. NBCU stated that, in the event of any interference complaints received, they would object to operation of the Station on channel 16, given its secondary status, and requested that the station find an alternative channel that would not cause any interference to KHRR. In exchange for the commitment of the Station to seek authority to operate on another channel, NBCU consented to temporary continuance of Station operation with its existing facilities on channel 16, until the completion of installation of equipment needed to operate on the replacement channel.

The Station hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to relocate to channel 18, which would not cause any interference to KHRR, or other stations in the area. Please see engineering statement attached to this request. An STA is required because the Commission has not yet announced a further LPTV/translator displacement window.

Good cause exists for the STA, as it will serve the public interest by minimizing disruptions to broadcast television viewers that would otherwise lose access to low power stations that are not fully protected during the “repacking” transition. Accordingly, we request that the FCC grant the instant request.

¹ *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Announce Post Incentive Auction Special Displacement Window April 10, 2018, Through May 15, 2018, and Make Location and Channel Data Available*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 1234 (IATF and MB 2018); *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Extend Post Incentive Auction Special Displacement Window Through June 1, 2018*, Public Notice, DA 18-389 (rel. April 18, 2018).