

Gulf-California Broadcast Company
KCWQ-LD, Palm Springs, CA
Request for STA for Interim Operations on Pre-Transition Channel

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The instant request for STA seeks authority for KCWQ-LD to operate on its current channel 26 from an interim antenna to facilitate construction of KCWQ-LD's channel 20 displacement facility authorized in LMS File No. [0000052544](#).

KCWQ-LD's displacement facility will be sharing a site and certain transmission equipment with repacked station KESQ-TV (and others), which has been assigned to Transition Phase 3, which means that KESQ-TV's Phase Completion Date is scheduled for June 21, 2019. As such, the final steps for KCWQ-LD's displacement construction activities will be underway shortly so that the station can move to its new channel at the same time as KESQ-TV (and others) with which KCWQ-LD will be sharing equipment.

Grant of this STA for interim operations from the interim antenna specified herein is in the public interest because it is in furtherance of KCWQ-LD's displacement transition plan as well as in furtherance of the repack transition plan of KESQ-TV (and the repack transition plans of other stations at the same site). Indeed, the Commission has specifically contemplated precisely this type of temporary, "interim" operation in furtherance of the overall post-Auction transition in order to facilitate continuity of service for viewers and to avoid stations being off-the-air for periods of time during construction activities of repacked stations. *See, e.g., Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Adopt a Post-Incentive Auction Transition Scheduling Plan*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 890 (2018), ¶ 62 ("[I]nterim and auxiliary facilities will be an important part of the transition for broadcasters and we will take action as appropriate to facilitate the use of such facilities and equipment.").

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