

KESQ-TV Post-Transition Operations Are Still Not at Full Parameters

This exhibit is to explain the current situation for KESQ-TV, which was scheduled to complete its full transition by the June 21, 2019, Phase 3 deadline. As noted in KESQ-TV's Termination of Pre-Channel Operation Transition Plan Progress Report (LMS File No. [0000074945](#)), operation of KESQ-TV's on its post-transition channel at full repack CP parameters has been hindered by a technical issue. The technical issue unexpectedly arose on June 21 as final steps were being taken to put KESQ-TV's post-transition channel on the air using shared equipment with other co-owned, repacked stations at the same site.

Subsequently, the licensee has employed its vendors to make the necessary adjustments to the equipment configuration to address the technical issues and get KESQ-TV up to full operating parameters. As of July 15, 2019,¹ the issues have not yet been successfully addressed, but it is believed that a software update may still be a viable option to address the situation.² The licensee is attempting to work with the vendor to nail down a definitive date for the software install and testing.

In the meantime, the licensee filed a CP extension request in LMS File No. [0000075100](#), and the licensee will file for STA if the reduced power operation continues beyond July 20, 2019.

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¹ The licensee acknowledges that this Second Quarter Transition Plan Progress Report is being filed 5 days after its due date; the situation with KESQ-TV has been in flux, and the licensee thought that it would have already been resolved by now and that, instead of filing a Second Quarter report, it would be filing a Construction Completion Report. To the extent that a waiver of the July 10 filing deadline for this report is deemed necessary, the licensee respectfully requests a waiver in light of the circumstances discussed herein and discussed in LMS File No. [0000075100](#).

² As noted in the CP extension request, if the software update does not cure the issue, then the licensee will need to go back to the drawing board with the assistance of multiple vendors to determine whether the equipment sharing plan between KESQ-TV and KDFX-CD is, in reality, fatally flawed (even though it was determined to be theoretically workable), such that the licensee needs to modify the post-transition transmission system for one of the stations and separate it from the shared-equipment operation. In the event that scenario were to play out, the licensee would continue to keep the FCC apprised of developments.