

Notification of Silent Status and Request for STA

NPG of Missouri, LLC (“NPG” or the “Licensee”), licensee of KQFX-LD, Columbia, Missouri (Fac. ID No. 56176), anticipates taking KQFX-LD off the air for an extended period of time commencing on or around August 1, 2019, as part of a tower replacement project.

More specifically, NPG needs to replace the tower from which KQFX-LD broadcasts, which is currently registered with the Commission as ASR #1003118 (the “Tower”). Based on information provided by its contractors, the Licensee anticipates that the project will take approximately four months to complete (depending, of course, on weather and on unrelated repack demands on various contractors/subcontractors). On or around August 1, contractors are scheduled to remove current users—including KQFX-LD and co-owned full power TV station KMIZ—from the Tower. KMIZ, which is owned and operated by NPG, will be moved to a different tower, pursuant to the STA granted in LMS File No. [0000077907](#), to continue operations during the period of time that the Tower is dismantled and that the replacement tower is constructed at the same location as the Tower. KQFX-LD, on the other hand, will not be moved to a temporary location to continue on-air operations; instead, KQFX-LD will remain silent for the duration of the Tower dismantlement and replacement tower construction. Hence the need for this silent STA filing.

KQFX-LD currently broadcasts four program streams. The primary program stream is the Big Four network Fox; the other three program streams are Laff, Grit, and Escape. During the period of time that KQFX-LD is off the air, its primary program stream—including local news—will be carried by co-owned KMIZ as a multicast channel. Thus, viewers who have come to rely on KQFX-LD’s primary program stream for news, emergency information, sports, and entertainment programming will still have access to KQFX-LD’s content during the period of silence. In light of the circumstances described above, grant of this silent STA request would be in the public interest.

In the event the tower project is not complete within 6 months, the Licensee will file a request to extend silent STA.

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