

Resumption of Operation at Reduced Power Exhibit

On July 31, 2019, KM LPTV of Atlanta, L.L.C. (“KM”), licensee of Class A television station WSKC-CD Atlanta GA (Facility ID No. 35090, “WSKC”), notified the Commission that on a maintenance visit on that date due to viewer complaints, its contract engineer found that 2 of the transmitter’s 3 amplifiers had failed, resulting in a significant loss of transmitter power, leaving the station operating at about 20% of its authorized power. See LMS File No. 0000079204 (the “Reduced Power Notification”). The Reduced Power Notification also advised that since WSKC would be taken off the air on Saturday, August 3, 2019, as the start of the construction of the station’s authorized repack Channel 14 facilities (which includes the installation of a new transmitter), the current Channel 22 transmitter would not be repaired, but that KM anticipated that WSKC should return to the air with its new Channel 14 facilities this week.

On August 5, 2019, KM advised the Commission that the old Channel 22 transmitter was removed on Saturday, August 3, 2019 (as planned, to make room in the transmitter building for its new repack Channel 14 transmitter) and that WSKC was off the air, and requested special temporary authority (“STA”) for WSKC to be silent, pending construction of its repack Channel 14 facilities, which silent STA was granted August 29, 2019 (LMS File No. 0000079988, the “Silent STA”).

KM completed construction and equipment tests of its repack Channel 14 facilities by about Friday, August 23, 2019, and submitted a request for program test authority (“PTA”, which was not automatic due to a special operating condition) to the Commission staff by email on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, and PTA was granted later the same day. The next day, on Thursday, September 5, 2019, KM’s engineer went back to the site and put WSKC back on the air with its repack Channel 14 facilities, but found that the station couldn’t maintain its full authorized power of 15 kilowatts effective radiated power (“ERP”), likely due to an issue in the station’s transmission line or new antenna.

Therefore, KM is filing this notification that WSKC is back on the air, and a license to cover application, on this date, but also will be filing separately a notification that WSKC is operating temporarily at reduced power (with approximately 40% of its authorized power, or about 6 kilowatts ERP), as permitted under Section 73.1560(d) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 73.1560(d), while the antenna and transmission line sweep is reviewed (or, if necessary, redone) and any issue(s) corrected.