

ENGINEERING STATEMENT
SEAL ROCK BROADCASTERS, L.L.C.
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT 0000112586
KCBA, SALINAS, CA
CP: CH 11, 19.75 KW -DIRECTIONAL, 726 m HAAT

Seal Rock Broadcasters, L.L.C., licensee of full power television station KCBA, licensed to serve Salinas, California, hereby requests an extension of the Construction Permit, FCC file number 0000112586, for its Post-Incentive Auction television repack facility. It also seeks a waiver of the rule requiring that a request for extension of a CP be filed 90 days prior to its expiration.

Extension Justification

The Station's CP for post-Incentive Auction facilities expires May 1, 2020. Licensee believed it was on track to make its Phase 9 transition deadline. The person installing the transmitter was scheduled to be on site around mid-April. This person, however, was traveling in from out of state. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this person was uncomfortable in traveling and cancelled his trip. An alternate installation crew was eventually found, but consisted of several individuals all of which were also coming into California from out of state. By the time they made the necessary arrangements to come into California, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were not be in a position to complete installation of the new transmitter by the expiration of the Construction Permit.

With many unknowns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and what constraints the state of California may need to apply, the licensee is requesting a minimum of 120 days to complete construction. KCBA will be able to operate at 60% Effective Radiated Power, under STA, on its post-auction repack channel while construction is being completed.

Granting an extension of the CP will permit KCBA the extra time it needs to complete construction of its final authorized facility.

Waiver Request

Licensee recognizes that its request for a CP extension is within 90 days of the CP expiration date and, therefore, requests waiver of the deadline¹ for filing the CP extension request. As stated above, at the time this extension could have been timely filed, the Licensee believed it was on track to make it Phase 9 deadline of May 1.

With the person scheduled to install the transmitter cancelling, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, KCBA has had to get another crew to perform installation. That crew that has now been contracted to complete transmitter installation will be unable to meet the May 1, 2020 Construction Permit deadline. These developments have occurred just recently and are primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Good cause exists for granting the waiver of the filing deadline. The Licensee believes the public interest would be served by waiving the deadline for requesting an extension of the CP so that the request to extend the CP can be granted, and the public will be able to receive service from the Station's main antenna at full power after construction of the main facilities can be completed. It believes that an extension until the end of August 2020, barring any more COVID-19 pandemic or weather-related delays, will be sufficient to complete construction of the main facilities.

¹ FCC Rule 73.3700(b)(5)(iv)