

Request for STA for Reduced Power Operations
KNPN-LD, St. Joseph, Missouri (Fac. ID No. 188056)
News-Press TV, LLC

Reduced Power Operations STA Request

News-Press TV, LLC (“NPG”), licensee of KNPN-LD, St. Joseph, Missouri (Fac. ID No. 188056) (“KNPN”) respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate at reduced power on licensed displacement channel 15 at the parameters specified in the technical portions of this application.

NPG was granted, and has constructed and licensed, authority to change KNPN’s channel as a result of being displaced during the nationwide post-Auction transition. *See* LMS File Nos. [0000052550](#), [0000063981](#), and [0000064322](#). In an effort to conserve resources and protect the public fisc, NPG’s initial inclination was to attempt to retune KNPN’s transmitter from channel 26 to channel 15. Within a short period of time after effectuating the transmitter channel change—which occurred in December 2018, *see* LMS File No. [0000064322](#)—the station began experiencing technical difficulties and has now experienced multiple incidents of amplifier module malfunctions with the retuned gear. KNPN had filed for STA in March 2019 as a result of the issue (*see* LMS File No. [0000068421](#)) and has now, yet again, experienced a similar situation that has prompted the need for this new STA application. Due to the obviously unreliable and unsustainable operation caused by NPG’s initial effort to effectuate its displacement project by retuning its transmitter, NPG has, in its Form 399 for KNPN (LMS File No. [0000089468](#)), budgeted for a replacement translator because the retuned transmitter’s operational status—as demonstrated by multiple module failures—is too unstable to serve as a reasonable long-term solution. Indeed, NPG may be operating KNPN at the reduced parameters sought herein until a new transmitter is procured and installed.

Because KNPN—a Big 4 network affiliate with its own locally-produced news—provides important news and information to the local community, the applicant respectfully submits that grant of this STA request is in the public interest in order to ensure continued provision of service to the local area.

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