

Request for Special Temporary Authority

- "Extraordinary circumstances" which warrant temporary operation

The widespread California wild fires have threatened the KFSN-TV transmitter site nearly continuously over the last seven days. On Saturday, September 12, 2020, commercial power to the KFSN-TV transmitter site was interrupted for a period of approximately 5 hours due to the proximate fire threat. During this brief period, in order to remain on-the-air KFSN-TV programming (virtual Channel 30) was broadcast by sharing the licensed KMPH-TV, Visalia, CA (Facility ID No. 51488) technical facility (RF Channel 28; FCC File No. BLCDT-20030204AGN). When commercial power was restored to the KFSN-TV transmitter site, the station was able to return to its licensed operation. However, the fire threat to the KFSN-TV transmitter site remains a grave concern. Accordingly, the Applicant requests special temporary authority to share the KMPH-TV technical facility as necessary over the next 60 days in the event that KFSN-TV is unable to operate from its licensed transmitter site due circumstances caused by the unprecedented wild fires.

- RFR Statement of Compliance

The proposed temporary shared operation with KMPH-TV will involve no new construction and will involve no new RF sources. Therefore, the power density at the KMPH-TV transmitter site will be unaffected by the proposed addition of KFSN-TV Virtual Channel 30.