Displacement Application Pursuant to §74.787(a)(4)

Background

Ventana Television filed its post-repack displacement application for K25FW-D (File# 0000054800) on May 31, 2018 to move from channel 25 to VHF channel 7. Its application was found to be mutually exclusive with three other post-repack LPTV applications. The four applications were then listed in MX Group 60¹.

To resolve the mutual exclusivity, the applicants entered into a mutual interference acceptance agreement. Ventana Television management worked diligently to resolve the numerous complex mutual interference issues between these mutually exclusive displacement applications and to make this agreement work for K25FW-D. Unfortunately, the parties have been unable to agree on the further required modifications to enable a grant of their applications. Ventana Television filed for further silent STA status to seek a new solution to resolve both its displacement and the mutual interference of MX Group 60 with an intention to remain consistent with the spirit of the mutual interference agreement. This application is the most practical result of that search in that although Ventana Television would accept the incoming interference in excess of de minimis levels at Ventana Television's new location and that new location would provide Ventana Television with a useable signal if this this proposal were to be accepted.

Displacement and Minor Modification

The instant application is a consequence of K25FW-D's displacement from Channel 25 and will remove FCC predicted mutual interference and therefore, qualifies as a displacement under §74.787(a)(4) of the Commission's rules. The move and channel change requested by this application will allow K25FW-D to operate from a new location without causing any predicted interference and, to the extent that K25FW-D receives any interference above the de minimis levels, K25FW-D would accept such interference as a condition of this application being granted. Furthermore, it qualifies as a minor change under §74.787(b)(iii) as it is less than 30 miles from the reference coordinates of its existing station's antenna location and the change in channel is related to displacement relief as allowed by §74.787(b)(i).

Conclusion

Accordingly, a grant of this application will serve the public interest by returning K25FW-D to full-service operations.

¹ FCC Public Notice DA 18-1108, released October 30, 2018