

Tribune Media Company
KRCW-TV, Salem, OR
(Facility ID 10192)

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

Tribune Media Company (“Licensee”), licensee of KRCW-TV, Salem, Oregon (Facility ID 10192; RF Channel 33), hereby requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority that was granted on July 27, 2020 in connection with KRCW-TV’s launch of ATSC 3.0 broadcast service. *See* FCC File No. 0000107802 (“STA”). KRCW is 3.0 host for other broadcast stations in the Portland, Oregon market, and simulcasts its primary programming stream on KATU(TV), Portland Oregon (Fac. ID No. 21649; RF Channel 24), licensed to Sinclair Portland Licensee, LLC (“Sinclair”) in the ATSC 1.0 format pursuant to the authority granted by the FCC in File Nos. 0000107801 and 000010781 and a hosting agreement with Sinclair.

As noted in the original STA request, Licensee is broadcasting its existing multicast streams, Antenna TV (Virtual Channel 32.2), Court TV(Virtual Channel 32.3), and TBD (Virtual Channel 32.4), using the facilities of commonly owned station KOIN-TV, licensed to Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. (Fac. ID 35380; RF Channel 25) (“Nexstar”). This STA hereby requests an extension of the STA to allow KRCW-TV to continue airing its multicast streams from KOIN-TV’s facilities in ATSC 1.0 format. Licensee requests that for purposes of enforcement and application of its rules, KRCW be treated as if it is airing the multicast streams over KRCW and be the responsible party under the Act and Commission rules and regulations akin to the manner that the Commission treats ATSC 1.0 primary simulcast streams under the Next Gen TV rules.

Because of ATSC 1.0 capacity constraints, KRCW- TV is not able to air its multicast streams on KATU, its primary ATSC 1.0 simulcast host. Furthermore, due to ATSC 3.0 capacity and other constraints attendant with the multi-station and multi-market coordination needed for a successful ATSC 3.0 deployment across the country, it is not feasible for Licensee to simulcast KRCW-TV’s multicast streams in an ATSC 3.0 format without unduly minimizing, if not largely eliminating, the benefits to the public and the participating stations of transitioning to ATSC 3.0. Granting this extension would ensure that all over the air viewers continue to receive access to ATSC 1.0 signals of KRCW-TV’s multicast streams. Licensee reiterates as well that it will remain responsible for these streams’ compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations.

Although Licensee has agreed to indemnify KOIN-TV from and against all liabilities or claims resulting from or arising out of the programming and advertising broadcast on Licensee’s program streams using the KOIN facilities, Licensee is requesting the instant authorization to make clear that Licensee will remain responsible for the Antenna TV, Court TV and TBD streams’ compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations. An extension of this STA request will serve the public interest, as it will advance the Commission’s ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving KRCW-TV’s ability to air each of its programming streams in the ATSC 1.0 format to ensure that most of KRCW-TV’s current viewers can continue to receive the programming currently available to them. It will also make clear that KRCW-TV is an authorized user of a portion of KOIN-TV’s channel and is the party responsible

for ensuring compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission's rules and regulations.¹

¹ Pursuant to the Media Bureau's request that all ATSC 3.0 licensees formally seek modification or clarification of the of the FCC ATSC rules prior to seeking an extension, Licensee notes and supports the Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Petition for Rulemaking filed by the National Association of Broadcasters on November 9, 2020 in GN Docket No. 16-142.