

Narrative of KXCD off-air time periods

As noted in the Public File narrative with the renewal application, the Lee Family consummated the Commission approved purchase of Station KXCD on November 21, 2018. The prior licensee took the station off the air at Closing necessitating the new licensee, Lee Family Broadcasting, to obtain approval of silent STA. The Lee Family were able to restore the facilities and operate in early August 2019.

On June 28, 2021, the KXCD transmitter failed due to extreme heat in the transmitter building at Salmon, ID, and a request to remain silent was filed with the Commission by Lee Family through its engineer which was approved, file number BLSTA-20210709AAE. Its engineer filed a Notice of Resumption of Operation on November 8, 2021, and filed a Request for an Engineering STA detailing the basis for operation with reduced facilities, which was approved, file no. BSTA-20211110AAC.

On September 13, 2021, Lee Family Broadcasting through its engineer filed a contingent minor modification application, file no. 0000159152 for a site for operation at station KXCD's city of license, Fairfield, ID, contingent upon modification of KXCD from Channel 260C, 99.9 MHz, to Channel 228C, 93.5 MHz, at Fairfield and change of allotment frequency for Lee Family's KZDX, Burley, ID, from Channel 228C, 93.5 MHz, previously substituted in MB Docket 05-243 to Channel 260C, 99.9 MHz.

The two contingent modification applications were granted March 9, 2022. At present, pending construction at a new site for operation with full licensed facilities, KXCD is operating pursuant to the granted STA (BSTA-20211110AAC) noted above.

The KXCD problems are an aberration in the Lee Family's record as a licensee. As the Commission's files reflect, Lee Family Broadcasting has for many years been licensee of seven (7) other stations in southern Idaho including KXTA-FM, KART, KEDJ, KBAR, KZDX, KKRK and KKMV, and those stations have no history of off-air time periods or operation with reduced facilities. The license renewal applications for the foregoing stations were approved by the Commission.