

Renewal of License – TV Translator/LPTV Certifications, Discontinued Operations Narrative

DTV America Corporation acquired the license for KWPL-LD, Facility ID: 183558, Santa Fe, NM pursuant to an assignment application. The Assignor was: Paul G. Donner. The Lead File Number was: BAL-20160421AFJ. The assignment was consummated on 6/7/2016. Accordingly, the certifications contained in this narrative cover the period from 6/7/2016 to the present.

The station went silent on 11/11/2018 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000063542. The specific reason for the extended period of silence was the station was in the process of building the granted Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000052470. The Silent STA was granted on 11/13/2018.

The station extended the Silent STA on 5/10/2019 and filed FCC File Number: 0000072588. The specific reason for the extended period of silence was the station was in the process of building the granted Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000052470.

The station duly filed a Section 312(g) waiver request on 11/12/2019, FCC File Number: 0000072588, which was granted on 3/23/2020. The specific reason for the Section 312(g) waiver request was, “As of the date of this filing, all of the engineering, equipment and deliveries necessary to resume operation of the Station have been received and/or completed. However, the Station cannot install the antenna and transmitter at its currently licensed site until KQDF-LP (owned by an affiliate of licensee) moves to its newly-licensed location, which move is dependent upon approval from the National Forest Service. Because the shelter and power supply is at capacity at the current site, space and power capacity will only free up once KQDF-LP vacates the site. The licensee asks the tower company on a weekly basis whether or not, and when, the National Forest Service will grant the necessary authorization for KQDF-LP to begin operations at its new site (and vacate the current site for KWPL-LD to build). However, licensee has not been given an estimate as to when it will be granted. The licensee is prepared to install the antenna and transmitter, which are delivered and ready to be installed, promptly upon KQDF-LP’s receipt of National Forest Service approval.”

The further 312(g) Relief was granted on 3/23/2020. The 312(g) grant stated, “Consistent with the public interest and prior Bureau actions, we will provide section 312(g) relief to displaced LPTV and TV translator stations that were displaced by the Incentive Auction and pursued new displacement channels.”

The station resumed operations on 6/17/2020 when it became operational under Engineering STA, FCC File Number: 0000116469. The Engineering STA was granted on 7/16/2020. The station filed a License to Cover, FCC File Number: 0000121373 on 9/9/2020. The License to Cover was granted on 1/25/2021. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.