



June 28th, 2022

FCC c/o:

Bill Vickery
QueenB Television of Kansas/Missouri, LLC
2950 NE Highway 69
Pittsburg KS 66762

RE: Request for Extension

This open letter to the FCC is to provide details of the extenuating circumstances have delayed completion of construction of the modified facilities for KOAM(TV).

Station personnel were extremely proactive in arranging for this project well in advance. They contracted Precision back on January 18 of this year to handle the tower rigging portion of the work. By that time, they had already received back the Structural Analysis results and also the Tower Modification Drawings that would be required for the new loading specifications, so these were incorporated into the rigging portion of the project.

The weather patterns stalled many of our projects this spring. For example, one site incurred 10 weather days per 24 working days. And this unproductive weather pattern was going on in several regions across the US. Even upon starting this project weather has continued to be an ongoing issue. Besides the tower modifications to handle the new antenna loading, this tower required additional bracing to be able to handle the workloads of the gin pole while installing the antenna. This greatly restricts workable wind conditions, resulting in additional weather day delays for this site.

Since January, Precision has responded to an unusually high number of stations with off air/burn outs, handling 12 in just the first quarter. This is close to what we normally see in a whole year. The crew that started the Queen B project got pulled off to assist with one such project twice, once to bring down a top mounted antenna and again to reinstall it after factory refurbishment. This was a 10,000# antenna and no helicopters capable of this weight were available, so the work needed to be completed with a gin pole. As there are only a handful of crews capable of this level of rigging across the country, the crew had to be pulled from the Queen B site.

Currently two of the three largest gin pole lifts have been completed, so the project is well underway. We expect, even with the above mentioned delays, that the project will complete by July 29, 2022.

As these extenuating circumstances were unforeseeable and completely out of the control of the station or of Precision, we respectfully request that an extension be permitted to complete this project.

Please feel free to contact us directly if additional information or clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

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