

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

DTV America Corporation initiated operations on KQMK-LD, Facility ID: 183619, Omaha, NE when it filed a License to Cover, FCC File Number: 0000010513 on 4/13/2016. Accordingly, the certifications contained in this narrative cover the period from 4/13/2016 to the present.

In addition to the periods of silence noted in the Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule Narrative¹, the station went silent on 10/31/2018 and a Silent Special Temporary Authority (the “Silent STA”), FCC File Number: 0000063211, was filed 10/31/2018. “DTV America is operating in a resource-constrained environment due to the ongoing 600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process. Station owners seeking to build new broadcast facilities currently have access to far fewer resources than they would have otherwise, a factor that the FCC and its bureaus acknowledged could become an issue when designing the repacking process to facilitate this ‘once-in-lifetime opportunity to expand the benefits of mobile wireless coverage.’”² The station was diligently building the Displacement Application, FCC File Number: 0000052625 which was granted on 7/2/2018. The Silent STA was granted on 10/31/2018.

The station filed an extension to the Silent STA, FCC File Number: 0000072073, on 4/22/2019 while it continued its efforts to construct its permanent displaced broadcast facility. The specific reason for the extended period of silence was the station was diligently building the Displacement Application, FCC File Number: 0000052625. The exhibit stated, “The Station’s site survey is completed and has received a quote for its transmitter and filter.”

The station duly filed a Section 312(g) waiver request on 10/22/2019, FCC File Number: 0000072073. The exhibit stated, “when unpacking the antenna, the Station’s engineers discovered that the wrong antenna mount required to secure the antenna to the tower was sent with the antenna.”

In the 3/23/2020 Section 312(g) waiver grant, Commission staff noted, “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 when it filed a License to Cover, FCC File Number: 00000116995 on 7/6/2020. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications. The License to Cover was granted on 7/7/2020.

¹ See attached exhibit included in the License Renewal application.

² See, e.g., *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice et al.*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786 (MB 2017) (“*Channel Reassignment PN*”); *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6597 ¶ 3 (2014).