

## **Renewal of License – Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule Narrative**

DTV America Corporation acquired KPJO-LD, Facility ID: 127415, Joplin, MO pursuant to an Assignment of Authorization application, FCC File Number: BALTTL-20141010ADJ, which was filed on 11/24/2014 and consummated on 12/1/2014. The Assignor was: Pittsburg/Joplin TV, LLC. The certifications contained in this narrative cover the period from 12/1/2014 to the present.

HC2 Broadcasting acquired majority of control of the license for KPJO-LD, Facility ID: 127415, Joplin, MO pursuant to a transfer of control application as part of the Media Bureau's *DTV America Corporation et al.*, Consent Decree, 32 FCC Rcd 9129 (MB rel. Oct. 31, 2017) ("Consent Decree"). The acquisition was consummated on 11/9/2017.

The Transferor was: DTV America Corporation. The Lead File Number was: BTCDDL-20170714ABI and the Member File Number was: BTC-20170714AHS.

Prior to acquisition, the station went silent on 10/31/2017 and filed a Silent Special Temporary Authority ("Silent STA") request, FCC File Number: 0000034970, on 11/6/2017. The specific reason for the period of silence was, "the Licensee filed a Displacement application (File No. 0000026473) and received authorization on the corresponding Legal STA (File No. 0000029202). The station will resume operations based on the specifications of the Displacement and Legal STA applications on Channel 20 once the antenna is replaced." The Silent STA was granted on 11/6/2017.

The station extended the Silent STA when it filed FCC File Number, 0000052724 on 4/16/2018. The reason for the extended period of silence was, "an extension may be necessary to avoid the inefficiency and waste associated with building a second, duplicative broadcast facility that can only be used for a short period of time. The station will be displaced as part of the repacking process and would need to build a separate facility to operate on a new channel.<sup>1</sup> Thus, if required to resume transmission prior to the STA's current expiration date, DTV America may be forced to build a first facility to operate on the station's current channel and then, soon after, a second facility to operate on the station's new channel."

The station filed an Engineering STA, FCC File Number: 0000053630 on 4/30/2018 requesting permission to operate on Channel 21 after being displaced by T-Mobile. The exhibit stated, "Channel 21 is currently vacant and moving KPJO-LP's broadcast signal to channel 21 will not interfere with any co- or adjacent-channel stations. Third, the application overcomes a current limitation of LMS. DTV America intends to file a displacement application for KPJOLP for channel 21 during the Special Displacement Window, but the station has not been able to submit a displacement application for channel 21 due to the currently pending displacement application on channel 20. Consistent with guidance from FCC staff, KPJO-LP now files a new STA and an amended displacement application for channel 21 (FCC File Number: 0000026473) so that both applications seek the same channel."

The station resumed operations on 10/25/2018 when it filed a Resumption of Operations, FCC File Number: 0000063180 pursuant to the technical specification outlined in the Engineering

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., *Channel Reassignment PN*.

STA Amendment, FCC File Number: 0000062841. The Engineering STA was granted on 11/7/2018.

The station went silent on 10/25/2018 and filed a Silent STA, FCC File Number: 0000063560 on 11/14/2018. The specific reason for the period of silence was, “DTV America was operating in a resource-constrained environment due to the ongoing 600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process. Station owners seeking to build new broadcast facilities had 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’”.<sup>2</sup>

The station extended the Silent STA when it filed a Silent STA extension, FCC File Number: 0000072118 on 4/23/2019. The specific reason for the extended period of silence was, “The Station’s transmitter was on site, and its antenna and filter were ordered. Additionally, the Station’s internet and electricity were installed and a tower crew was scheduled.”

The station resumed operations on 8/6/2019 when it filed a License to Cover, FCC File Number: 0000080011 on 8/6/2019. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.

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<sup>2</sup> 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).