

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

HC2 Broadcasting acquired majority control of the license for KBMN-LD, Facility ID: 188068, Houston, TX pursuant to a transfer of control application as part of the Consent Decree, 32 FCC Rcd 9129 (MB 2017). The Transferor was: DTV America Corporation. The Lead File Number was: BTCDTL-20170714ABI and the Member File Number was: BTCDTL-20170714ADJ. The acquisition was consummated on 11/9/2017.

The station went silent on 10/22/2018 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000063028 on 10/22/2018. The specific reason for the period of silence was the station was diligently building the Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000051624. The request stated, “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.’” The Silent STA was granted on 10/22/2018.

The station extended the Silent STA when it filed a Silent STA Extension, FCC File Number: 0000072026 on 4/19/2019. The specific reason for the period of silence was, “The Station sent out requests for a tower crew on March 15, 2019, ordered its transmitter on April 8, 2019, and expects to be on-air by June 21, 2019. Additionally, the Station has installed both internet and electricity.”

The station duly filed a Section 312(g) waiver request on 10/22/2019, FCC File Number: 0000072026.<sup>1</sup> The specific reason for the 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, other than installation of the transmission line. The riggers are on site installing the antenna and have discovered that the length of the transmission line is insufficient. Additional line has been ordered, which should arrive at the site in two days, and the riggers have been scheduled to return to the site upon the arrival of the line. The only action preventing the Station from becoming operational and filing a license to cover is the installation of this line.”

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<sup>1</sup> See attached Discontinued Operations exhibit included in the License Renewal application.

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 when it filed a License to Cover on 11/7/2019, FCC File Number: 0000088302. The License to Cover was granted on 11/12/2019. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.