

Renewal of License – Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule Narrative

DTV America Corporation initiated operations for KBMN-LD, Facility ID: 188068, Houston, TX, when it filed a License to Cover, FCC File Number: 0000008492 on 3/28/2016. The License to Cover was granted on 3/29/2016.

The station went silent on 8/8/2016 and filed a Silent Special Temporary Authority (“Silent STA”) request, FCC File Number: 0000013648 on 8/15/2016. The specific reason for the period of silence was outlined in the Media Bureau’s *DTV America Corporation et al.*, Consent Decree, 32 FCC Rcd 9129 (MB rel. Oct. 31, 2017) (“Consent Decree”). The Silent STA was granted on 8/15/2016.

The station resumed operations when it filed a License to Cover, FCC File Number: 0000014030 on 9/19/2016. The License to Cover was granted on 11/29/2017.

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 11/29/2017 and filed a Silent Special Temporary Authority (“Silent STA”) request, FCC File Number: 0000036350 on 12/14/2017. The specific reason for the period of silence was outlined in the Consent Decree. Additionally, “control of DTV America [had been] recently acquired by HC2 Broadcasting Inc. (“HC2”), and the company [was] in the process of transitioning to new ownership. This transaction consummated on November 9, 2017 and involved more than 400 LPTV stations.” The Silent STA was granted on 12/14/2017.

The station extended the Silent STA when it filed a Silent STA Extension, FCC File Number: 0000055100 on 6/8/2018. The specific reason for the extended period of silence was the station had been displaced in the Special Displacement Window and was diligently planning the building of the facility pursuant to the pending Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000051624 which was granted on 9/25/2018.

The station resumed operations on 10/22/2018 when it filed a Resumption of Operations, FCC File Number: 0000063026 on 10/22/2018.

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, which was granted on 3/23/2020.¹

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.

¹ See attached Discontinued Operations exhibit included in the License Renewal application.