

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

HC2 acquired the license for K07AAD-D, Facility ID: 52923, Ft. Worth, TX pursuant to an assignment application. The Assignor was: Mako Communications, LLC. The Lead File Number was: BALDTL-20170918ACA and the Member File Number was: BALDTL-20170918ACG. The acquisition was consummated on 12/26/2017. Accordingly, the certifications contained in this narrative cover the period from 12/26/2017 to the present.

The station went silent on 8/5/2018 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000058871 on 8/13/2018. The specific reason for the period of silence was, “HC2 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.’”¹ Additionally, the station was waiting for a grant of the pending Displacement Application, FCC File Number: 0000051676, which was ultimately granted on 1/4/2019.

The station filed an STA Extension, FCC File Number: 0000067802 on 2/11/2019. The specific reason for the period of extended silence was, “The station is displaced as part of the repacking process and needs to build a separate facility to operate on a new channel.”²

The station duly filed a Section 312(g) waiver request on 7/30/2019, FCC File Number: 0000067802, which was granted on 3/23/2020.³ The specific reason for the Section 312(g) waiver request was, “Upon arrival to install the Station’s new transmitter, our engineers discovered that its shelter had been damaged, and perhaps vandalized, such that installation of the equipment was not possible. Were it not for the damaged shelter, we believe the Station would have resumed operational status by its 312(g) deadline, and its license to cover would have been filed accordingly. We now believe that the Station can be built sooner at an alternative site than the landlord can repair this shelter. The new site is located 1.19 miles from the original site, as described in the Station’s pending application for minor modification (LMS File No. 0000078964). This is because most of the necessary equipment has been or will be delivered to the old site, and, given its proximity to the new site, we will be in a position to begin building promptly upon the grant of the aforementioned minor modification.”

¹ 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).

² See, e.g., Channel Reassignment PN

³ 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 2/6/2020, FCC File Number: 0000105504. The License to Cover was granted on 2/10/2020. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.