

Request for Reduced Power Special Temporary Authorization Extension

NCE Station KUAT-TV, Tucson, AZ, Facility ID 2731

Pursuant to Sections 73.1560(d) and 73.1635 of the FCC's Rules, Arizona Board of Regents for Benefit of University of Arizona (the "University"), licensee of noncommercial educational television station KUAT-TV, Tucson, Arizona, respectfully requests a six-month extension of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to maintain the ongoing reduced power operation of KUAT-TV. The University filed its initial request for KUAT-TV's reduced power STA in FCC File No. 0000185296. An initial extension request was granted on August 3, 2022 in FCC File No. 0000196579. The STA is currently due to expire on February 2, 2023.

The University has been operating KUAT-TV at approximately 50% of its authorized power since late 2021 due to equipment damage and failures resulting from a power surge event which wiped out one cabinet of the facility's two cabinet IOT system. In the time since the most recent STA extension grant, the University has continued to take steps and make progress towards restoring full power service. In particular, the University has determined that the transmitter must be replaced and has purchased a new transmitter. However, the University will not be able to install the new transmitter until March 2023, at the earliest, because the transmitter site is currently inaccessible due to snowy conditions. Therefore, although the University is working diligently to complete the repairs and return to full power operations, it will not be able to do so by the expiration of the current STA grant.

A grant of extension of the existing reduced power STA will serve the public interest by authorizing KUAT-TV to maintain uninterrupted operation to its local community until the necessary equipment repairs/replacement can be completed as needed to restore full power service.

The University is a governmental entity and station KUAT-TV is a noncommercial educational television station. The University is therefore exempt from FCC fee requirements pursuant to Sections 1.1116 and 1.1162 of the Commission's Rules.