

Request for Expedition
Scio, OR - K217EI Translator Facility Construction Permit Application

Lifetalk Radio, Inc, (Lifetalk) Licensee of K217EI - Scio, OR; Facility ID 93023, requests expedited processing for this minor change construction permit application. K217EI is licensed to operate from an unregistered 52 meter AGL tower, owned by Vaughn Sweet (recently deceased). On or about May 17, 2023; the family of Mr. Sweet informed Lifetalk the tower and site must be vacated by June 1, 2023. Lifetalk is currently in negotiations with the Sweet family to extend this date to July 2023. However, a loss of the site is inevitable.

Since that time, Lifetalk has worked diligently to identify new locations in which K217EI could move while retaining portions of its current coverage. At this time, Santiam Community Radio Corporation has offered use of its KPIK-LP(FM) site for a relocated operation. While continued operation on CH217D (91.3 MHz) may not occur from this site; a 47 C.F.R. Section 74.1233(a)(1)(i)(A)(2) same-band, non-adjacent frequency change will work on the new frequency of CH207D (89.3 MHz). This operation results in coverage to portions of the current service area, while also reducing interference to or from any other broadcast station as a remedial, same-band frequency change.

Consequently, Lifetalk has therefore prepared this Schedule 349 construction permit application for this new tower site and new frequency operation. Given the imminent tower takedown date of July 2023, Lifetalk requests this authorization be processed before the tower site is lost and the translator must go silent. Lifetalk therefore requests this application for a minor change construction permit be expedited to assure its timely availability.