

KQCA(DT), Stockton, CA
Facility ID No. 10242
Hearst Stations Inc.

Request for Further Extension of Special Temporary Authority

Hearst Stations Inc. (“Hearst”), licensee of NextGen TV station KQCA(DT), Stockton, CA (Facility ID No. 10242) (“KQCA”), hereby requests further extension of the legal special temporary authority (“STA”) granted on June 14, 2021 (LMS File No. 0000146558), and last extended on March 3, 2023 (LMS File No. 0000207075), in connection with the operation of KQCA as a NextGen TV broadcast facility in the Sacramento-Stockton-Modesto market.

Pursuant to the STA, KQCA’s non-primary multicast streams are aired using the ATSC 1.0 standard, with no ATSC 3.0 simulcast, on KTFK-DT, Stockton, CA (Facility ID No. 20871) (“KTFK”), which is licensed to Unimas Sacramento LLC (a subsidiary of Univision Communications), and KCRA-TV, Sacramento, CA, (FCC Facility ID Number 33875) (KCRA-TV), which is commonly owned with and licensed to Hearst. Under the STA, and for purposes of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Commission’s rules and regulations, KQCA’s *Estrella TV* multicast stream is considered to be originated by KQCA even though it is being aired over KTFK’s facilities, and KQCA’s *Heroes & Icons* multicast stream is considered to be originated by KQCA even though it is being aired over KCRA’s facilities.

As explained in Hearst’s original STA request, because of ATSC 1.0 capacity constraints, KQCA is not able to air all of its multicast streams on the same host station as its primary ATSC 1.0 programming stream. Furthermore, due to ATSC 3.0 capacity and other constraints attendant with the multi-station and multi-market coordination needed for a successful ATSC 3.0 deployment across the country, it is not feasible for KQCA’s ATSC 3.0 facility to simulcast KQCA’s non-primary multicast streams in the ATSC 3.0 standard without unduly minimizing, if not largely eliminating, the benefits to the public and the participating stations of transitioning to ATSC 3.0. Absent the ATSC 1.0 non-primary multicast stream hosting arrangements with KTFK and KCRA, and without the clarity that the STA provides, Hearst may not be able to continue to provide KQCA’s non-primary multicast streams over the air, which could result in a complete loss of service to all of the over-the-air viewers of these streams.

Accordingly, Hearst respectfully requests a further extension of the STA to continue the authorization of KQCA’s broadcast of its non-primary multicast streams using the ATSC 1.0 standard, with no ATSC 3.0 simulcast as follows:

- *Estrella TV* on KTFK’s ATSC 1.0 facilities; and
- *Heroes & Icons* on KCRA’s ATSC 1.0 facilities.

Grant of an extension of the STA will serve the public interest as it will advance the Commission’s ATSC 3.0 policy goals, facilitate the deployment of ATSC 3.0 in light of the evolving nature of ATSC 3.0 deployment, and promote the continued over-the-air transmission of KQCA’s non-primary multicast streams in the ATSC 1.0 standard.

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