

KIPL Reduced Power STA Extension Request

KIPL resumed operation on 4/10/2023 with 300 watts from its licensed location.

The main transmitter was not operational and had to be brought down from the mountain to be repaired. The site must be accessed by helicopter. The scope of repairs one can do in a single trip is limited.

Since the STA for reduced power was granted, the licensee obtained a new transmitter from the manufacturer. It experienced delays when customs and UPS lost the transmitter. By the time the licensee was able to get a replacement ordered and delivered, the engineer's window for travel had passed and the licensee had to postpone the installation after he had a couple of emergencies at other sites.

The plan is for the engineer to go up to the Mountaintop in mid-October. The transmitter and all necessary parts are delivered. To accommodate the delay in delivery and the engineer's schedule, the licensee requests an extension of the temporary authority for another 180 days to cover the complete installation and any other unexpected contingencies. The licensee will notify the FCC when KIPL has achieved and can maintain full licensed power.