

Hosting Arrangements Exhibit

KDSM Licensee, LLC (“Licensee”), licensee of KDSM-TV, Des Moines, IA (Facility ID 56527; RF Channel 16), is filing this application to modify KDSM-TV’s NextGen license to include its non-primary video programming streams (“multicast streams”) that are aired as “guest” streams on “host” stations as part of the ATSC 3.0 transition. Licensee does not propose to change its primary stream simulcast host from what was previously authorized. *See* File 0000212160.

Primary Stream Simulcast

On March 28, 2023, Licensee commenced ATSC 3.0 operations from KDSM-TV’s facility, which serves as the ATSC 3.0 host for stations in the Des Moines, IA market, and began simulcasting its primary stream in ATSC 1.0 format on WHO-DT, Des Moines, IA (Facility ID 66221; RF Channel 13), pursuant to a written hosting agreement with Nexstar Media, Inc. *See* File No. 0000212160.

Non-Simulcast Multicasts

To minimize any loss of over-the-air programming available to ATSC 1.0 viewers that might otherwise result from KDSM-TV’s transition to the ATSC 3.0 standard, Licensee is also airing:

- KDSM-TV’s multicast streams currently affiliated with *Comet TV* and *Charge!* in ATSC 1.0 format from the facilities of KDIN-TV, Des Moines, IA (Facility ID 29102; RF Channel 11) pursuant to a written hosting agreement with Iowa Public Broadcasting Board; and
- KDSM-TV’s multicast stream currently affiliated with *TBD* in ATSC 1.0 format from the facilities of KCCI(TV), Des Moines, IA (Facility ID 33710; RF Channel 8) pursuant to a written hosting agreement with Hearst Properties Inc.

Because of ATSC 1.0 capacity constraints, KDSM-TV is not able to air its multicast streams on WHO-DT, its primary ATSC 1.0 simulcast host. 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 Licensee to simulcast KDSM-TV’s multicast streams in an ATSC 3.0 format without unduly minimizing, if not largely eliminating, the benefits to the public and the participating stations of transitioning to ATSC 3.0. Simulcasting those streams in ATSC 3.0 would reduce capacity available to NextGen stations for offering consumers the improved services that ATSC 3.0 enables. The types of services and improvements that would be precluded would include enhanced video featuring High Dynamic Range, Wide Color Gamut and High Frame Rate, immersive and multiple audio channels using Dolby AC-4, Advanced Emergency Alerting and Information functions as part of a broadcast receiver application, and non-real time interactive data delivery. Each of these requires a portion of the ATSC 3.0 capacity that would be unavailable were Licensee to carry multicast program streams as the ATSC 3.0 host for stations in the Des Moines, IA market. Even setting aside these impediments, significant additional engineering work and more equipment would be required to simulcast KDSM-TV’s multicast streams in ATSC 3.0 and ATSC 1.0 formats.

Host Capacity Limits: KDSM-TV is airing the same number of programming streams on the ATSC 1.0 host stations named herein as it previously aired in ATSC 1.0 from its own facility, in the same resolutions, and therefore is not using more capacity on the ATSC 1.0 host stations, in the aggregate, than it would have been able to use on its own facilities if it were still broadcasting in the ATSC 1.0 format.

Coverage Requirements: Each of the host stations is licensed to the same DMA as KDSM-TV, and the host stations' service contours completely cover KDSM-TV's community of license. The multicast hosting arrangements with KDIN-TV and KCCI(TV) serve the public interest by preserving KDSM-TV's ability to air each of its programming streams in the ATSC 1.0 format to ensure that KDSM-TV's viewers can continue to receive the programming streams currently available to them. The service contours of KDIN-TV and KCCI(TV) cover a majority (98.7% and 100%, respectively) of KDSM-TV's pre-transition service area population. See attached engineering exhibit (as filed with File No. 0000212201). Additionally, the arrangements preserve access to those KDSM-TV streams currently received for viewers who are receiving them via MVPDs. This arrangement complies with the requirement that children's television core programming be carried on either the same host as the primary stream or on a host that serves at least 95% of the predicted population served by KDSM-TV's pre-transition 1.0 signal. KDSM-TV currently averages at least three hours per week of core programming on its primary stream.

MVPD and Consumer Notice Requirements: Licensee provided notice to MVPDs of each proposed signal relocation when it provided the requisite notice regarding relocation of KDSM-TV's primary stream. Licensee also aired the requisite consumer notices and posted to its website information regarding the station's transition to the ATSC 3.0 standard and the need for over-the-air viewers to rescan on March 28, 2023.

In summary, Licensee proposes to license KDSM-TV's streams in ATSC 1.0 on temporary host facilities as depicted in the chart below. This information is available on KDSM-TV's website (<https://kdsmtv.com/>) at the FCC Applications link.

KDSM-TV Stream and Virtual Channel	Pre-Relocation ATSC 1.0 RF Channel and Resolution	Post-Relocation ATSC 1.0 RF Channel and Resolution	ATSC 1.0 Host Station	Simulcast in ATSC 3.0?
Fox (Primary) 17.1	16.3 720p	13.7 720p	WHO-DT	Yes
Comet TV 17.2	16.4 480i	11.7 480i	KDIN-TV	No
Charge! 17.3	16.5 480i	11.8 480i		No
TBD 17.4	16.6 480i	8.5 480i	KCCI(TV)	No