

Request for Waiver of Displacement Freeze

TV Translator Station K44AB-D, Keokuk, IA (Facility ID 29097)

Pursuant to *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Set Forth Tools Available to LPTV/Translator Stations Displaced Prior to the Special Displacement Window* Public Notice, DA 17-584, MB Docket No. 16-306, GN Docket No. 12-268 (June 14, 2017), Iowa Public Broadcasting Board (“IPBB”), licensee of noncommercial educational TV translator Station K44AB-D, Keokuk, Iowa, respectfully requests a waiver of the current freeze on the filing of translator displacement applications.¹ This application seeks to change TV translator station K44AB-D to channel 19 due to displacement by T-Mobile’s impending use of the 600 MHz band.

IPBB is filing this channel 19 displacement modification application to seek relief for K44AB-D following receipt of a notification letter from T-Mobile regarding its planned use of the 600 MHz band (copy attached). T-Mobile’s letter indicates that it will commence its operations in the K44AB-D market by November 27, 2017 and that K44AB-D is likely to cause harmful interference to T-Mobile’s operations. In the June 14, 2017 Public Notice referenced above, the FCC set forth tools for use by TV translators such as K44AB-D displaced by 600 MHz band wireless operations, including the filing of a displacement permit application/freeze waiver application such as this, accompanied by an STA application (which IPBB will file concurrently).

IPBB respectfully submits that a waiver of the Displacement Freeze will serve the public interest by authorizing translator station K44AB-D to operate on its newly proposed and available channel despite the station’s displacement from its licensed channel due to the impending 600 MHz band wireless operations in its area. The waiver and grant of this application will allow IPBB to maintain broadcasts over this noncommercial educational translator to its local community while avoiding interference to T-Mobile operations. IPBB is a governmental entity and a noncommercial educational licensee and operates K44AB-D on a noncommercial educational basis.

¹ See *Freeze on the Filing of Applications for Digital Replacement Translator Stations and Displacement Applications*, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 6063 (MB 2014) (*Displacement Freeze Public Notice*).