

Request for Special Temporary Authorization

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), and Sections 74.780 and 73.1635 of the FCC's Rules, Iowa Public Broadcasting Board ("IPBB"), licensee of noncommercial educational TV translator Station K44AB-D, Keokuk, Iowa, respectfully requests Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to operate the station in accordance with the technical parameters proposed in its pending channel 19 displacement permit application in FCC File No. 0000035258 (copy attached).

IPBB filed the 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 waiver¹ accompanied by an STA application.

In accordance with those procedures, IPBB now seeks STA to operate its Keokuk, Iowa TV translator on channel 19 as proposed in the recent displacement application and while that application remains pending in anticipation of the Special Displacement Window.² The attached displacement application in File No. 0000035258 demonstrates that the proposed channel 19 facility complies with the FCC's technical and interference rules.

IPBB respectfully submits that a grant of STA will serve the public interest by allowing the continued operation of K44AB-D 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. 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*).

² See *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).