



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Sacramento Television Stations, Inc.
1725 DeSales St. NW Suite 501
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Notification of New Post-Incentive
Auction Transition Linked Station
KMAX-TV, Sacramento, CA
Facility ID No. 51499

Dear Licensee,

This letter is to inform you that KMAX-TV, Sacramento, California (KMAX-TV), which is a member of linked-station set 63, is required to coordinate the testing and commencement of operations on its post-auction channel with KSPX-TV, Sacramento, California (KSPX-TV) in addition to other stations in linked station set 63.¹ This additional coordination is necessitated because KSPX-TV's post-auction channel assignment was recently changed from channel 22 to channel 21 and its transition phase assignment was changed from Phase 8 to Phase 9.²

In the *Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice*, KSPX-TV was assigned to transition Phase 8.³ The *Transition Scheduling Adoption Public Notice* prescribes that a temporary increase in pairwise (station-to-station) interference of up to two percent during the post-incentive auction transition period is permissible.⁴ Commission staff has conducted a technical analysis and determined that as a result of the channel change, if KSPX-TV were to complete its transition to its new post-auction channel during Phase 8, KMAX-TV would receive and cause interference in excess of the permissible threshold with full power television KMAX-TV. Specifically, Commission staff found that KMAX-TV would receive 84.6 percent and cause 86.1 percent pairwise interference with KSPX-TV. Commission staff determined that modifying KSPX-TV's phase assignment to Phase 9 and creating a new linked station set with KMAX-TV would result in both stations satisfying the interference levels permitted under the *Transition Scheduling Adoption Public Notice*.⁵

¹ KSPX-TV is licensed to ION Media Sacramento License, Inc.

² KSPX-TV's post-auction channel was change as part of a multi-station solution to modify the post-auction channel assignment of KKPX-TV, San Jose, California (KKPX-TV). KKPX-TV was initially assigned to post-auction channel, but the Commission later determined that due to issues related to land mobile radio operations KKPX-TV station would be unable to construct and operate its post-auction facility as assigned. See Letter from Barbara A. Kreisman to ION Media San Jose License, Inc., LMS File No. 0000024869 (Jun. 28, 2017). In order to facilitate a new channel assignment for KKPX-TV, see LMS File No. 0000029965, KSPX-TV agreed to change its post-auction channel from channel 22 to channel 21. See LMS File No. 0000030649.

³ See *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice: The Broadcast Television Incentive Auction Closes; Reverse Auction and Forward Auction Results Announced; Final Television Band Channel Assignments Announced; Post-Auction Deadlines Announced*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786 (WTB & MB 2017)

⁴ *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Adopt a Post-Incentive Auction Transition Scheduling Plan*, 32 FCC Rcd 890, 897, para. 16 (MB 2017).

⁵ KSPX-TV has also been informed by letter of the change of the change in its transition phase and the requirement to coordinate both testing and commencement of operations on its new post-auction channel with KMAX-TV.

Accordingly, KMAX-TV **MUST COORDINATE** commencement of testing and operations on its post-auction channel with KSPX-TV. This required coordination with KSPX-TV **DOES NOT** impact KMAX-TV's obligation to coordinate its post-auction transition as part of its existing linked station set,⁶ nor does it in modify KMAX-TV's current assignment to transition Phase 9, which has a testing period start date of March 14, 2020, and phase completion date of May 1, 2020.

Sincerely,



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Media Bureau

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⁶ KMAX-TV is currently and continues to be part of a linked station set with the following stations: KNVN, Chico, CA (Facility ID 33745); KEZT-CD, Sacramento, CA (52891); KRCB, Cotati, CA (Facility ID 57945); KDTV-CD, Santa Rosa, CA (Facility ID 18148); KDTV-DT, San Francisco, CA (Facility ID 33778); KAXT-CD, San Francisco, San Jose, Etc., CA (Facility ID 37689); and KCNZ-CD, San Francisco, CA (Facility ID 52882). Additional information on linked station sets is available in LMS in the "Transition Data" tab found on KMAX-TV's facility page and at http://data.fcc.gov/download/incentive-auctions/Current_Transition_Files/.