

KPHO Broadcasting Corporation Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

KPHO Broadcasting Corporation (“KPHO”), licensee of K50HU-D, Flagstaff, Arizona (FCC Facility ID No. 41227), hereby seeks an extension of the Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) that was granted on October 19, 2017 (FCC File No. 0000033853), that allowed the station to broadcast on a new temporary channel pending the assignment of a new permanent channel pursuant to the application process during the Special Displacement Window.

On June 29, 2017, KPHO received written notification from T-Mobile USA, Inc. stating that it intended to begin 600 MHz operations in Partial Economic Area 180 by October 31, 2017 and, therefore, directed that K50HU-D cease operations on its current channel by that time. Accordingly, in order to ensure uninterrupted operation of its facilities, KPHO requested a waiver of the Displacement Filing Freeze and filed a displacement application, which is currently pending (FCC File No. 0000038852, Call Sign K17MO-D). *See* Freeze on the Filing of Applications for Digital Replacement Translator Station and Displacement Application, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 6063, DA 14-808 (MB 2014). Simultaneously, KPHO filed a request for STA, as noted above, and was granted permission to operate temporarily on Channel 17. As the associated engineering statement filed in its original request for STA explains, operation on Channel 17 will not cause predicted harmful interference.

The station’s permission to operate on Channel 17 currently expires on April 19, 2018. The underlying application, however, will not be processed or reviewed by the FCC until the Special Displacement Window closes on May 15, 2018. KPHO therefore requests an extension of its current STA in order to ensure uninterrupted operation on Channel 17 pending action on the underlying application.