

Red River Broadcast Co., LLC Request for
Special Temporary Authority To Operate on Proposed Displacement Channel

Red River Broadcast Co., LLC (“Red River”), the licensee K40FZ-D, Brookings, South Dakota (FCC Facility ID 68032), received written notification from T-Mobile USA, Inc. stating that it intends to begin 600 MHz operations in Partial Economic Area 290 by August 14, 2018, and therefore directs that K40FZ-D cease operations on its current channel by that time.

Attached to this statement is a copy of the displacement application, filed by Red River in the special filing window, which the Commission made available to low power television station licensees, requesting that the Commission authorize this station to displace from Channel 40 to Channel 17, as a consequence of the incentive auction repacking process. That application demonstrates that such channel displacement is consistent with the Commission’s rules. It also includes a copy of the letter from T-Mobile, noted above.

Red River believes that there will not be time enough to wait for the June 1, 2018 conclusion of the special filing window, the subsequent processing of the applications filed in it, receive a grant to displace to a new channel, and complete any necessary construction to remove to a new channel, prior to the deadline imposed by T-Mobile. Red River is very concerned that operations of K40FZ-D will be interrupted, perhaps for a long period of time, unless it can receive authority to operate on its proposed displacement channel. K40FZ-D serves a rural area that needs the broadcast service provided by K40FZ-D, including the local news and weather of KDLT-TV, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, which K40FZ-D retransmits. Continuation of these broadcasts without interruption would serve the public interest.

Therefore, Red River requests that the Commission grant this application for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) so that it may continue the important operations of K40FZ-D on Channel 17, as sought in the displacement application. Red River asks that this STA be granted no later than July 1, 2018, so that Red River has a fair opportunity to inform the public of the change in channel and make that change prior to being forced off of the air on August 14, 2018. Red River understands, and agrees, that grant of this STA request would be without prejudice to the pending displacement application.