

KQDS Acquisition Corp. Request for
Special Temporary Authority To Operate on Proposed Displacement Channel

KQDS Acquisition Corp. (“KQDS”), the licensee K47IR-D, Virginia, Minnesota (FCC Facility ID 128844), received written notification from T-Mobile USA, Inc. stating that it intends to begin 600 MHz operations in Partial Economic Area 172 by August 3, 2018, and therefore directs that K47IR-D cease operations on its current channel by that time.

Attached to this statement is a copy of the displacement application, filed by KQDS 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 47 to Channel 22, 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.

KQDS 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. KQDS is very concerned that operations of K47IR-D will be interrupted, perhaps for a long period of time, unless it can receive authority to operate on its proposed displacement channel. K47IR-D serves a rural area that needs the broadcast service provided by K47IR-D, including the local news and weather of KQDS(TV), which it retransmits. Continuation of these broadcasts without interruption would serve the public interest.

Therefore, KQDS requests that the Commission grant this application for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) so that it may continue the important operations of K47IR-D on Channel 22, as sought in the displacement application. KQDS asks that this STA be granted no later than July 1, 2018, so that KQDS 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 3, 2018. KQDS understands, and agrees, that grant of this STA request would be without prejudice to the pending displacement application.