

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA)

LOW POWER TELEVISION STATION KPJO-LP PITTSBURG, KS

DTV America Corporation (DTV America) seeks to operate KPJO-LP on channel 21 in Pittsburg, KS, pursuant to special temporary authority (“STA”). Concurrent with this request, DTV America amends the displacement application to identify operations on channel 21 instead of channel 20.

Background. DTV America is the licensee of low-power digital television station KPJO-LP, Pittsburg, KS (FCC Facility ID 127415), currently licensed to operate on channel 20 under a special temporary authority (“STA”) (LMS File No. 0000029202). KPJO-LP sought the STA to operate on channel 20 after being displaced from channel 49 by T-Mobile which indicated that it planned to start mobile broadband operations by October 31, 2017. KPJO-LP also filed a currently pending displacement application for channel 20 at the same time it filed the STA for this channel (LMS File No. 0000026473). KPJO-LP now files a new STA and, separately, an amended displacement application so that it can begin operating on channel 21. Although KPJO-LP is currently silent (LMS File No. 0000052724), channel 21 is its preferred channel to resume operations.

Public Interest Benefits. Grant of DTV America’s new STA application promotes the public interest. First, grant will allow KPJO-LP to continue to provide free over-the-air programming to viewers in Joplin/Pittsburg and the surrounding areas. Second, grant will not create harmful interference: Channel 21 is currently vacant and moving KPJO-LP’s broadcast signal to channel 21 will not interfere with any co- or adjacent-channel stations. Third, the application overcomes a current limitation of LMS. DTV America intends to file a displacement application for KPJO-LP for channel 21 during the Special Displacement Window,¹ but the station has not been able to submit a displacement application for channel 21 due to the currently pending displacement application on channel 20. Consistent with guidance from FCC staff, KPJO-LP now files a new STA and an amended displacement application for channel 21 so that both applications seek the same channel. KPJO-LP will move its broadcasts from channel 20 to channel 21 following grant of this amended STA request.

DTV America understands that grant of this request will be temporary, and that KPJO-LP may be required to terminate operations or seek another channel if the displacement application is not ultimately granted. Nevertheless, granting this STA will serve the public interest for the reasons stated above.

¹ See Public Notice, *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Announce Post-Incentive Auction Special Displacement Window*, DA 18-125 (rel. Feb. 9, 2018).

Conclusion. DTV America respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request to allow KPJO-LP to operate on channel 21 under a new STA.