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Engineering Statement Displacement of KVTX-LD Channel 34 at Victoria, TX October 2018

This Engineering Statement has been prepared on behalf of QueenB Television of Texas, LLC ("QueenB"), licensee of digital LPTV station KVTX-LD at Victoria, Texas. This material has been prepared in connection with an amendment to a displacement application. The pending application specified operation on Channel 34, but is mutually-exclusive with another displacement application. This amendment specifies Channel 34.

# I. Background

The station currently operates on a channel above Channel 36, which will be the highest channel remaining for terrestrial television broadcasting per the results of the 2017 spectrum auction. Accordingly, QueenB is filing this displacement application.

### II. Interference Study

Study has been made of all cochannel and adjacent-channel facilities in the vicinity of the proposed operation, including a detailed Longley-Rice interference study to demonstrate that the proposed operation will not cause interference to any authorized or pending proposed facilities. This study was performed using the Commission's TVStudy software, and uses a 0.5 km study grid and 0.5 km terrain increment.

The results of this study indicate that the proposed facility is predicted to cause zero additional interference to any of the listed stations. Based on the foregoing interference study, it is believed that the proposed facility can operate without risk of interference to other stations.

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Study created: 2018.09.24 11:16:51 Study build station data: LMS TV 2018-09-23 (151) Proposal: KVTX-LP D34 LD APP VICTORIA, TX File number: KVTX34-10.6KW Facility ID: 5842 Station data: User record Record ID: 750 Country: U.S. Build options: Protect pre-transition records not on baseline channel Search options: Non-U.S. records included Stations potentially affected by proposal: Svc Status City, State SAN ANTONIO, TX File Number Distance TX LIC TX LIC DT LIC KRTX-LP N20-BLTT19981014JC No SAN ANTONIO, TX
VICTORIA, TX
AUSTIN, TX
CONROE, TX
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX
SAN ANTONIO, TX
VICTORIA, TX
AUSTIN, TX
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BEAUMONIT, TX 159.0 km N31 D33 BLTTL19980616JF BLCDT20050624AAI 16.1 176.7 KVHM-LP KVUE No No KTRII D33 DТ CP BLANK0000034102 BNPDTL20090825ALB 175.9 APP LD 121.4 No NEW D33 KSSJ-LD D33 APP BLANK0000051645 LIC No KOZY-LP D33 LD BLANK0000001557 0.0 K34FM-D BLANK0000005051 BLANK0000034391 Yes KEYE-TV D34 DT CP 176.7 LIC K34FM-D N34-ΤX BLTT20061002BGB 176.7 No AUSTIN, TX
BEAUMONT, TX
BEAUMONT, TX
BEAUMONT, TX
COLLEGE STATION, TX
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX
CROCKETT, TX
DALLAS & MESQUITE, TX
HARLINGEN, TX
HOUSTON, TX
IRVING, TX
JASPER, TX
JUNCTION, TX
MASON, TX BNPDTL20090826ACT BNPDTL20090825AYC BLANK0000011233 D34 D34 No K34LK-D T.D CP 336.7 NEW KZCZ-LD APP LIC CP Nο D34 T.D 274.5 KYDF-LP D34+ BLANK0000053806 119.1 Yes LIC BLTTL20071003AAH BLDTL20120628ABT No KYDF-LP N34+ TX 119.1 KTWC-LD D34 314.7 No D34 D34 LIC BLDTL20090319ABX BLEDT20070402KPK 416.4 299.2 Nο KJJM-ID LD KLUJ-TV DΤ No KIAH KSTR-DT DT DT CP CP BLANK0000035711 BLANK0000034260 No BLANK0000054529 BNPDTL20100406ABR No KVHP-LD D34 T.D CP 383.8 NEW D34 APP 309.7 LD No JUNCTION, IX
MASON, TX
MCALLEN, TX
MISSOURI CITY, TX
SAN ANTONIO, TX LIC APP BLTTL20070507AEV BLANK0000054868 K34HW N34-ТX 301.2 KSOY-LD No D34 LD 313.1 BLDTA20121017ABA BLANK0000001656 KUVM-CD KNIC-CD DC DC LIC 175.9 147.6 D34 D34 Yes AUSTIN, TX CORPUS CHRISTI, TX CORPUS CHRISTI, TX D35 D35z LIC BLANK0000033777 BLANK0000001199 No KHCC-LP LD LIC BLTTL19990503JG BLCDT19991022ABJ KHCC-LP N35z ΤX 125.6 HOUSTON, TX
SAN ANTONIO, TX
VICTORIA, TX
VICTORIA, TX
CIUDAD ACUNA, CI
SABINAS-NUEVO ROSITA, CI KPRC-TV 177.1 No D35 DT BLANK0000029253 BNPDTL20090825APJ BLTTL20070511ABY Yes K35ME-D D35 T.D CP 19.2 LIC LIC D34 D34 Nο XHAMC DT BLANKBPFS20160304AAX 370.1 BLANKBPFS20160226ABT XHSBC LICITACIOND34 LIC NUEVO LAREDO, TA BLANKBPFS20090331AHG 280.6 No non-directional AM stations found within 0.8 km No directional AM stations found within 3.2 km Record parameters as studied: Channel: D34 Mask: Full Service Latitude: 28 50 43.40 N (NAD83) Longitude: 97 7 34.00 W Height AMSL: 351.3 m HAAT: 0.0 m Peak ERP: 10.6 kW Antenna: Omnidirectional Elev Pattrn: Generic Elec Tilt: 0.50 50.7 dBu contour:

Azimuth ERP HAAT Distance 306.2 m 313.9 0.0 deg 10.6 kW 54.3 km 10.6 54.7 90.0 10.6 322.7 55.2 135.0 10.6 325.3 55.3 317.3 312.4 54.9 180.0 10.6 10.6 225.0 54.6

10.6

304.0

293.7

54.2

53.6

270.0

315.0

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Database HAAT does not agree with computed HAAT Database HAAT: 0 m  $\,$  Computed HAAT: 312 m  $\,$ 

Distance to Canadian border: 1922.8 km

\*\*Proposal is within coordination distance of Mexican border Distance to Mexican border: 273.5  $\ensuremath{\text{km}}$ 

Conditions at FCC monitoring station: Kingsville TX Bearing: 205.6 degrees  $\,$  Distance: 172.8 km  $\,$ 

Proposal is not within the West Virginia quiet zone area

Conditions at Table Mountain receiving zone: Bearing: 331.6 degrees Distance: 1454.6 km

#### Study cell size: 0.50 km Profile point spacing: 0.50 km

Maximum new IX to full-service and Class A: 0.50% Maximum new IX to LPTV: 2.00%

No IX check failures found.

## **III. RF Exposure Study**

The power density calculations shown below were made using the techniques outlined in OET Bulletin No. 65. "Ground level" calculations in this report have been made at a reference height of 2 meters above ground to provide a worst-case estimate of exposure for persons standing on the ground in the vicinity of the tower. The equation shown below was used to calculate the ground level power density figures from each antenna.

$$S(\mu W / cm^2) = \frac{33.40981 \times AdjERP(Watts)}{D^2}$$

Where: *AdjERP(Watts)* is the maximum lobe effective radiated power times the element pattern factor times the array pattern factor.

*D* is the distance in meters from the center of radiation to the calculation point.

Power density levels produced by the proposed facility were calculated for an elevation of 2 meters above ground (306 meters below the antenna radiation center). The worst case power density levels occur at depression angles between 45 and 90 degrees below the horizontal. The calculations in this report assume a worst-case relative field value of 0.150 at these angles, based on the manufacturer's vertical plane pattern for the horizontally-polarized Dielectric model TUA-O4SP-14/55H-1-T-R antenna proposed in this application. This relative field value yields a worst-case adjusted average effective radiated power of 238.5 watts at depression angles between 45 and 90 degrees below the horizontal. Assuming this power and the shortest distance between the antenna radiation center and 2 meters above ground level (i.e. straight down), the highest calculated power density from the proposed antenna alone occurs at the base of the antenna support structure. At this point the power density from the proposed facility is calculated to be 0.09  $\mu$ W/cm², which is <0.1% of 393.3  $\mu$ W/cm² (the FCC maximum for uncontrolled environments at the Channel 34 frequency).

These calculations show that the maximum calculated power density produced at two meters above ground level by the proposed operation of KVTX-LD alone is less than 5% of the applicable FCC exposure limit at all locations between 1 and 500 meters from the base of the antenna support structure. Section 1.1307(b)(3) of the Commission's Rules excludes applications for new facilities or modifications to existing facilities from the requirement of preparing an environmental assessment when the calculated emissions from the applicant's proposed facility are predicted to be less than 5% of the applicable FCC exposure limit. Therefore, the proposed facility is in

compliance with Section 1.1301 *et seq* and no further analysis of RF exposure at this site is required in this application.

Pursuant to OET Bulletin No. 65, all station personnel and contractors are required to follow appropriate safety procedures before any work is commenced on the antenna tower, including reduction in power or discontinuance of operation before any maintenance work is undertaken. The permittee/licensee in coordination with other users of the site must reduce power or cease operation as necessary to protect persons having access to the site, tower or antenna from radiofrequency exposure in excess of FCC guidelines.

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