

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT DEADLINE

LOW POWER TELEVISION STATION KFKZ-LD

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

DTV America Corporation (DTV America) is the licensee of low-power digital television station KFKZ-LD, Cedar Rapids, IA (FCC Facility ID 188737). KFKZ-LD holds a granted, active construction permit set to expire on September 29, 2018.¹ DTV America respectfully requests a six-month extension of the construction permit deadline.

Unique circumstances support this request. DTV America is operating in a resource-constrained environment due to the ongoing 600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process. Station owners seeking to build new broadcast facilities currently have access to far fewer resources than they would have otherwise, a factor that the FCC and its bureaus acknowledged could become an issue when designing the post-auction repacking process to facilitate this “once-in-lifetime opportunity to expand the benefits of mobile wireless coverage.”²

DTV America recently came under new ownership and new management is actively working to construct KFKZ-LD’s modified facilities. In preparation of construction, equipment has been purchased to facilitate the process. Neither KFKZ-LD’s current license, nor its granted construction permit will be displaced through the post-600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process. DTV America intends to deploy service over KFKZ-LD’s modified facilities as quickly as possible but may need a short amount of additional time beyond the current construction permit deadline to complete deployment.

For these reasons, DTV America respectfully requests that the Commission extend KFKZ-LD’s construction permit deadline to March 29, 2019.

¹ See KFKZ-LD, Amendment to a Modification of a Licensed Facility for LPTV Station Application, File No. 0000004670 (granted September 29, 2015).

² See, e.g., *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice et al.*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786 (MB 2017) (“*Channel Reassignment PN*”); *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6597 ¶ 3 (2014).