

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Gray Television Licensee, LLC (“GTL”), on behalf of its low power television station KXND-LD, Williston, ND (FID 129958), hereby requests an extension of its special temporary authority to remain silent and an extension of the deadline by which the station must return to the air or forfeit its license pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.¹ Currently, the date by which KXND must return to the air is 12:01 a.m. on February 4, 2019.

KXND was displaced by T-Mobile’s commencement of operations in the 600MHz band, requiring that it cease operations. KXND applied for and was granted a displacement facility (File No. 35937) but was unable to build it before winter weather arrived. In order to resume operations prior to the one-year deadline, KXND sought authority to operate on its new channel with a temporary facility (File No. 67011). Additionally, the station secured the equipment to build and operate the facility specified in the STA. However, the severe weather currently in place over North Dakota has made it unsafe to climb the tower to install the equipment.

GTL is working to return KXND to the air and requests an extension of the deadline to return the station to the air to accommodate the severe winter weather conditions.

¹ Authority for this station to remain silent was originally granted in File No. 53736 and extended in File No. 63230. The station’s current authority to remain silent expires February 4, 2019. The original silent STA form reports a silent date of April 2, 2018 because the form would not accept a date more than 30 days old. The actual silent date is February 4, 2018, as reported in the exhibit to the STA.