

Legal STA Phase Change Request

Applicant, licensee of digital television broadcast station KATU, Portland, OR (the “Station”) hereby seeks a Phase change to stay on the Station’s pre-auction facilities (*See* File No. 0000033626). The Station can transition its new facilities with an STA, but due to circumstances beyond its control, the Applicant is submitting the instant Phase Change request. In support of this request, the Station has confirmed that there will be no impact on the FCC’s broadcast transition plan (no dependencies) and a grant will not delay the provision of any wireless services while remaining on Channel 43. The equipment is on hand, but the transmitter, antenna installation, and delays in line crew installation timing have caused delays.

In this case, KATU is also experiencing delays in obtaining a zoning permit for its back-up and its main tower. KATU requested a zoning permit for its back-up tower (Skyline) on May 5, 2018, from the City of Portland Development Services Center. KATU submitted the zoning request for the main tower (Sylvan) to the same government entity on January 8, 2019, which remains pending. The tower crew has now finished the back-up Skyline site but it cannot proceed with work on the main tower until KATU receives the requested permit for the local governmental entity.