

Additional Context for Completion of KDFX-CD's Repack Project

On June 21, 2019, Gulf-California Broadcast Company ("GCBC") successfully transitioned KDFX-CD from its pre-transition operations to its full, post-transition repack CP operating parameters. Thus, GCBC considers KDFX-CD's repack project to be complete, and GCBC is ready to file a license-to-cover application for KDFX-CD's post-transition facility.

Unfortunately, the combined transmission facilities for KDFX-CD, KPSP-CD, and KESQ-TV are not yet functioning like a well-oiled machine, and the result is that KESQ-TV is operating on its post-transition channel at reduced power (approximately 50% power). As of the date of this filing, GCBC does not yet know whether there is a technical solution available that will allow KESQ-TV to get up to its full, post-transition repack CP operating parameters while maintaining the full, post-transition operations of KDFX-CD (KPSP-CD seems to be unaffected by the issue). If there is not a technical solution, then KDFX-CD's post-transition operations are likely to be affected, in which case GCBC may need to reposition, relocate, and/or procure additional new equipment for KDFX-CD so that both KESQ-TV and KDFX-CD will be able to operate on their post-transition channels with full parameters. In short, while a license application for KDFX-CD's post-transition operations could be filed today, the path forward for KDFX-CD is not yet crystal clear because of the KESQ-TV effect.

Finally, it is worth noting that even once the KDFX-CD/KESQ-TV technical solution is figured out, vendors and crews may still be occupied at this multi-user repack site because the site is shared with (among others) co-owned displaced KCWQ-LD. And, as of this filing, KCWQ-LD's displacement construction is not yet complete, which means services and resources are still dedicated to the multi-user site and not necessarily available to move on to other repack sites for Phase 4 (and beyond) stations.

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