

KOXI-CD, Portland, OR (Fac. Id. No. 71074)
HC2 Station Group, Inc.

Request for Waiver of Limitations on Class A Television Station Modification

HC2 Station Group, Inc. (“Licensee”) seeks the Media Bureau’s consideration of this request to waive its limits on Class A television station modification applications that increase a Class A station’s protected contour beyond its present parameters as represented in its authorizations.¹

Licensee acquired KOXI-CD (the “Station”) in Portland, OR in October, 2019. In December, 2019, the sublicensor of the Station’s master antenna slot terminated its lease, requiring the Station to move to a new location on the tower. Licensee has identified a new master antenna that can support Licensee’s facility to utilize on the same tower. This new location on the tower is 240 feet higher than its previously licensed location. This elevation increase will cause a minor increase in the protected contour but will have a corresponding minor decrease in RF density at ground level impacting reception. In order to preserve the Station signal RF density at ground level to maintain signal reception for its viewers in its current licensed contour, the Licensee is applying for a modest power increase. Doing a minor power increase with the elevation change is a practical approach to best provide viable reception to the community we serve. This power increase will slightly expand the Station’s contour beyond its current authorizations. As a reference, a contour map has been included in this application to support the technical specifications requested.

Granting this application is necessary to maintain the Station’s service to the public and is therefore in the public interest. It would not have been in the public interest for the Station to find a new site on the tower and install its own antenna, on an already heavily loaded tower in a municipality with extensive permitting requirements, as time delays would have prolonged the Station’s time silent. Reducing the Station’s power to stay within its current contour would cause the Station to lose audience and would therefore also not be in the public interest. Once granted, the Licensee will be able to provide multiple streams of programming to the Portland community. The modest power increase and contour expansion in this application will not cause any interference to any other licensee as evidenced by the included TV Study. We also believe that granting this contour increase simultaneously with the other requested modifications is an efficient approach for both licensee and FCC, to the extent the FCC anticipates lifting the related freeze in the near future.

¹ Media Bureau Announces Limitations on the Filing and processing of Full Power and Class A Television Station Modification Applications, DA 13-618, April 5, 2013