

Beginning in March, 2020, the licensee of K14SI-D received complaints from Crystal Communications and from Silke Communications that its authorized new facility on Channel 14 was creating objectionable interference to their respective land mobile operations at Fremont Peak.

In response the station reduced its transmitter output power. This appeared to resolve an interference claim from a third operator, Tait Communications. But it did not appear to do the trick with respect to the initial complaints.

In May of 2020, the licensee applied for and on May 21 was granted temporary authority to take the station dark, File No. 0000114181.

After considerable research both on available equipment and on channel alternatives, the licensee has devised two options going forward. One is to install two 8-pole mask filters. Licensee has not ordered these because they are an extremely expensive implementation and we are concerned that they may not fully resolve the problem.

The other alternative is to submit a waiver request to apply for a displacement channel. We believe that we have identified an appropriate channel and are in process of preparing the needed waiver application.

Initially we had hoped that all of this could be resolved during the six month dark authority expiring on November 21. That has not been the case, so additional time is respectfully requested to implement a definitive resolution to the alleged interference problems.