

The Engineering Statement attached to this STA extension request describes the need to operate this translator on its displacement channel, but from its licensed antenna system. Specifically, the displacement permit also relocates the translator onto a new tower that Humboldt County is constructing in order to consolidate its telecommunications facilities on Winnemucca Mountain (including TV translators, microwave, and two-way facilities). The new tower will be the permanent home for the TV translators.

Construction and outfitting of the new tower and building have not yet been completed, and so reinstatement of the previously granted engineering STA is requested in order to ensure that over-the-air viewers in Winnemucca will not lose their access to network programming.

Good progress has been made on installation of the new tower, antennas, and feedlines, but severe winter weather is preventing access to the mountaintop to complete the work. The permanent facilities are expected to be operational by the end of May, but out of an abundance of caution a full 6-month STA extension is requested in the event that coronavirus considerations may delay aspects of the construction.