

Unusual Circumstances

One Ministries, Inc. (OMI) is a non-profit organization that is mainly volunteer run. OMI is committed to building out its LPTV construction permits. Construction has been delayed by a natural disaster that is beyond our control, namely the Covid-19 Pandemic.

OMI is based in Sonoma County, which one of the few counties in California that has been perpetually stuck in the “purple tier” for widespread Covid transmission for a year. This has limited travel to build LPTV stations that are more than 100 miles away from Sonoma County. California has been one of the strictest states in the country regarding needing to quarantine for two weeks whenever traveling outside the state. This has made travel nearly impossible to construct new stations. The restrictions due to Covid-19 helped delayed the construction of OMI’s station KQTA-LD by a year, which delayed a large revenue stream. The revenue of KQTA-LD has begun to come in, and so equipment is being purchased to build out the LPTV construction permits. OMI also saw a tremendous drop off in advertising revenue during the Covid pandemic, and only now has the revenue began to come back online. The pandemic also slowed approval of minor modification filings through the FCC, which has caused a ripple effect in delaying the construction of the LPTV permits. For example, it took the FCC over two and half years to grant the minor modification for KQSL. That construction effort is now underway for KQSL’s DTS operation, but that has taken up resources that would have otherwise been available for other LPTV construction efforts. Therefore, OMI respectfully requests more time to build out its LPTV construction permits.