

KMTR Television, LLC
KMTR(TV), Eugene, Oregon

Request to Extend Engineering STA

KMTR Television, LLC (“Applicant”), licensee of KMTR(TV), Eugene, Oregon (Facility ID 35189), respectfully requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority that was granted on October 24, 2018, and most recently extended on April 16, 2021, to operate with an interim facility. *See* File Nos. 0000063023, 0000071628, 0000086379, 0000111977, 0000124437, and 0000143461. The station was unable to continue broadcasting at its licensed site and filed an application to relocate to an 860' tower at a different site. *See* File No. 0000035793. The station began operating on interim facilities pursuant to an STA on a nearby 360' pending grant of the license modification application. The station subsequently found that it could not install its antenna on the 860' tower because the tower cannot handle the additional loading, and the station began looking into other options and engineering solutions.

Applicant has since learned that the 831 ft. tower where the station’s new channel 17 antenna will be mounted was recently modified to accommodate the new antenna and transmission line. A structural engineer is working on the antenna mounting and the transmission line support design. Once the engineering designs are completed, the tower crew will be able to quote the antenna and transmission line installation, and Applicant is in communication with Dielectric regarding transmission line availability. Applicant is also in the process of reviewing recently completed coverage plots for the new antenna and expects that it will need to file a CP modification application.

In the meantime, the public interest would be served by permitting KMTR(TV) to continue operating with interim facilities on the 360' tower pursuant to an extension of STA so that KMTR(TV) can avoid loss of service to its viewers that would otherwise result from the loss of its licensed transmitter site.