

Renewal of License Amendment – Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule Narrative

HC2 Broadcasting License, Inc. (“HC2”) acquired the license for KRPG-LD, Facility ID: 189990, Des Moines, IA pursuant to an assignment application granted as part of the Consent Decree, 32 FCC Rcd 9129 (MB 2017). The acquisition was consummated on 11/9/2017.

The Assignor was: Tiger Eye Broadcasting Corporation. The Lead File Number was: BAPDTL-20170710AAC.

The station went silent on 12/8/2017 and filed a Silent Special Temporary Authority (“Silent STA”) request, FCC File Number: 0000036360, on 12/14/2017. The reason for the period of silence was “Applicant requests authority to temporarily suspend operations of this facility. On October 30, 2017, the FCC entered into a Consent Decree with the licensee. See DTV America Corp. et al., Order and Consent Decree, DA 17-1058 (rel. Oct. 31, 2017). Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree, the FCC granted applicant’s previously pending license to cover application for this facility. Due to the passage of time and the recent change in control of the facility, Applicant requests authority to take the station off-air while it reviews the operational status of the station and implements any steps necessary to begin operating the station consistent with the recently granted license to cover.” The Silent STA request was granted on 12/14/2017.

The station extended the Silent STA on 6/6/2018, FCC File Number: 0000055032, on 6/6/2018. The reason for the period of silence was due to the Licensee operating in a resource-constrained environment due to the 600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process. Station owners, particularly LPTV station owners which were deemed lower priority, that were seeking to build new broadcast facilities had access to far fewer resources such as tower crews and equipment than they would have had otherwise, a factor that the Commission and the Media Bureau acknowledged.¹ Additionally, the station was diligently building its new displacement facility as outlined in the Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000051587, which was granted on 5/2/2018.

The station resumed operations on 10/23/2018 when it filed a Resumption of Operations application, FCC File Number: 0000063192, on 10/31/2018.

The station went silent on 10/23/2018 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000063208, on 10/31/2018. The specific reason for the silence was that the station was diligently building its new displacement facility as outlined in the Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000051587, which was granted on 5/2/2018. The Silent STA request stated an “STA may be necessary to avoid the inefficiency and waste associated with building a second, duplicative broadcast facility that can only be used for a short period of time. The station may be displaced as part of the repacking

¹ See, e.g., *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice et al.*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786 (MB 2017) (“Channel Reassignment PN”); *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6597 ¶ 3 (2014).

process and would need to build a separate facility to operate on a new channel.² Thus, without an STA, HC2 may be forced to build a first facility to operate on the station's current channel and then, soon after, to build a second facility to operate on the station's new channel." The Silent STA request was granted on 10/31/2018.

The station filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: 0000072385, on 5/6/2019. The License to Cover was granted on 5/13/2019. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.

² See, e.g., *Channel Reassignment PN*.