

Renewal of License Amendment – Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule Narrative

DTV America Corporation initiated operations on WDSF-LD, Facility ID: 183641, Montgomery, AL, when it filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: 0000001458, on 5/8/2015. The License to Cover application was granted on 5/12/2015.

HC2 Broadcasting acquired majority control of the license for WDSF-LD, Facility: 183641, Montgomery, AL, pursuant to a transfer of control application as part of the Media Bureau’s DTV America Corporation et al., Consent Decree, 32 FCC Rcd (MB rel. Oct. 31, 2017) (“Consent Decree”). The acquisition was consummated on 11/9/2017.

The Transferor was DTV America Corporation. The Lead File Number was: BTCDTL-20170714ABI and the Member File Number was: BTCDTL-20170714AIF.

The station went silent on 12/14/2019 and filed a Silent Special Temporary Authority (“Silent STA”) request, FCC File Number: 0000093551, on 12/17/2019. The reason for the silent extension was due to the transfer of control of DTV America to HC2 Broadcasting Inc. (“HC2”), and the subsequent complications of transitioning to new leadership. The transaction was consummated on November 9, 2017 and involved more than 400 LPTV stations.¹ HC2 was in the process of surveying its resources and developing construction and operational plans. Additionally, HC2, as the new majority owner of DTV America, was 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.² Additionally, the station was in the process of constructing its broadcast facility pursuant to the Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000052466, filed 4/11/2018. The Displacement Construction Permit was granted on 8/13/2018. The Silent STA was granted on 12/17/2019.

The station resumed operations when it filed a License to Cover application on 1/17/2020, FCC File Number: 0000098057. The License to Cover application was granted on 1/23/2020.

The station went silent on 5/21/2020 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000115771, on 6/4/2020. The reason for the STA request was to make repairs to the broadcast facility due to the facility experiencing a total outage due to a Commercial Power issue. An HVAC upgrade was necessary to support the transmitters that were located at the site. The Silent STA request was granted 6/4/2020.

¹ The Consent Decree noted that “HC2 Broadcasting is unaffiliated with the Licensees, though HC2 Broadcasting’s parent company holds a passive, non-controlling interest in DTV America Corporation through an affiliated entity.”

² 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).

The station resumed operations on 7/7/2020 and filed a Resumption of Operations, FCC File Number: 0000117879, on 7/15/2020. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.