

## **Renewal of License Amendment – Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule Narrative**

DTV America Corporation acquired the license for WKBJ-LD, Facility ID: 182931, Jacksonville, FL, on 7/6/2015 when it consummated FCC File Number: BALDTL-20150130AEE. The Assignor was King Forward, Inc.

The station initiated operations when it filed a License to Cover, FCC File Number: BLDTL-20140908AFF, on 9/8/2014. The License to Cover was granted on 12/19/2014.

HC2 Broadcasting acquired majority control of the license for WKBJ-LD, Facility ID: 182931, Jacksonville, FL, pursuant to a transfer of control application as part of the Media Bureau's *DTV America Corporation et al.*, Consent Decree, 32 FCC Rcd 9129 (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-20170714AIB.

The station went silent on 10/23/2015 and filed a Silent Special Temporary Authority ("Silent STA") request, FCC File Number: 0000006174, on 11/18/2015. The reason for the period of silence was outlined in Consent Decree. The Silent STA request was granted on 11/18/2015.

The station resumed operations when it filed a License to Cover, FCC File Number: 0000008067, on 2/16/2016. The License to Cover was granted on 2/22/2016.

The station went silent on 1/16/2020 and filed a Silent STA request on 1/16/2020, FCC File Number: 0000097836. The reason for the period of silence 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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."

<sup>2</sup> 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).

HC2 requested the Silent STA to avoid the inefficiency and waste associated with building a second, duplicative broadcast facility that could only be used for a short period of time given the displaced status of the station. Specifically, the station was displaced as part of the repacking process and would have needed to build a separate facility to operate on a new channel.<sup>3</sup> Thus, if required to resume transmission prior to the STA's expiration date, DTV America would have been forced to build a first facility to operate on the station's current channel and then, soon after, a second facility to operate on the station's new channel. Additionally, the station was diligently building the facility outlined in the granted Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000051650. The Silent STA request was granted on 1/16/2020.

The station resumed operations when it filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: 0000108066, on 3/16/2020. The License to Cover was granted on 4/2/2021. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.

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<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., *Channel Reassignment PN*.