

Renewal of License Amendment – Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule Narrative

DTV America Corporation initiated operations on WEDS-LD, Facility ID: 182836, Mobile, AL, when it filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: 0000013463, on 8/4/2016. The License to Cover was granted on 8/11/2016.

HC2 Broadcasting acquired majority control of the license for WEDS-LD, Facility: 182836, Mobile, 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: BTC-20170714ABN.

The station went silent on 8/10/2016 and filed a Silent Special Temporary Authority ("Silent STA") request, FCC File Number: 0000013680, on 8/16/2016. The reason for the period of silence was outlined in the Consent Decree. The Silent STA was granted on 8/16/2016.

The station resumed operations when it filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: 0000013953, on 9/8/2016. The License to Cover was granted on 9/16/2016.

The station went silent on 9/16/2016 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000014038, on 9/19/2016. The reason for the period of silence was outlined in the Consent Decree. The Silent STA was granted on 9/19/2016.

The station resumed operations on 1/7/2017 and filed a Resumption of Operations, FCC File Number: 0000020187, on 1/9/2017.

The station went silent on 1/7/2017 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000020509, on 1/9/2017. The reason for the period of silence was outlined in the Consent Decree. The Silent STA was granted 1/9/2017.

The station extended the Silent STA on 7/5/2017, FCC File Number: 0000025669. The reason for the extended period of silence was outlined in the Consent Decree. The Silent STA extension was granted on 7/5/2017.

The station resumed operations on 9/14/2017 and filed a Resumption of Operations, FCC File Number: 0000029915, on 9/15/2017.

The station went silent on 9/14/2017, FCC File Number: 0000030012, on 9/18/2017. The reason for the period of silence was outlined in the Consent Decree. The Silent STA was granted on 9/18/2017.

The station extended the Silent STA on 3/13/2018, FCC File Number: 0000048539. The reason for the extended period of silent was due to the station diligently planning to construct a broadcast facility for this Low Power Television station as it planned to enter the Special Displacement Window. The Silent STA extension was granted on 3/13/2018.

The station resumed operations 9/8/2018 when it filed a Resumption of Operations, FCC File Number: 0000059555, on 9/11/2018.

The station went silent on 9/8/2018 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000059564, on 9/11/2018. 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. 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. The Silent STA was granted 9/11/2018.

The station extended the Silent STA on 3/7/2019, FCC File Number: 0000068423. The reason for the extended period of silence was due to the station diligently planning to build its facility, pursuant to the Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000052524, filed on 4/11/2018, amended 11/1/2018, and granted 11/5/2018. Additionally, HC2 requested an extension of 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. Thus, if required to resume transmission prior to the STA's expiration date, HC2 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. The STA extension was dismissed on 9/5/2019 when the station filed a License to Cover.

The station filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: 0000080841, on 9/3/2019. The License to Cover was granted on 9/5/2019. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.