

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

HC2 Broadcasting acquired majority control of the license for WCQA-LD, Facility ID: 181971, Springfield, IL, pursuant to a transfer of control application as part of the Consent Decree, 32 FCC Rcd 9129 (MB 2017). The acquisition was consummated on 11/9/2017.

The Transferor was: DTV America Corporation. The Lead File Number was: BTCDDL-20170714ABI and the Member File Number was: BTCDDT-20170714AEQ.

WCQA-LD, Facility ID: 181971, Springfield, IL, when it filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: BLDDL-201405228AEL, on 2/28/2014. The License to Cover was granted on 3/10/2014.

The station went silent on 4/13/2016 and filed a Silent Special Temporary Authority (“Silent STA”) request, FCC File Number: 0000010581, on 4/18/2016. The Silent STA was granted on 4/18/2016. The reason for the period of silence was outlined in the Media Bureau’s *DTV America Corporation et al.*, Consent Decree, 32 FCC Rcd 9129 (MB rel. Oct. 31, 2017) (“Consent Decree”).

The station extended the Silent STA on 10/14/2016, FCC File Number: 0000016170. The reason for the extended period of silence was outlined in the Consent Decree.

The station resumed operations on 3/25/2017 and filed a Resumption of Operations, FCC File Number: 0000022615, on 4/3/2017.

The station went silent on 3/25/2017 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000022642, on 4/3/2017. The Silent STA was granted on 4/3/2017. The reason for the period of silence was due to construction of the facility pursuant to the Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000001374, which was granted on 5/12/2015.

The station extended the Silent STA on 9/5/2017, FCC File Number: 0000029663. The reason for the extended period of silence was due to continuing construction of the facility pursuant to the Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000001374, which was granted on 5/12/2015.

The station resumed operations on 3/12/2018 and filed a Resumption of Operations, FCC File Number: 0000048788, on 3/15/2018.

The station went silent on 3/12/2018 and filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000048805, on 3/15/2018. The specific reason for the period of silence was the station was preparing to enter the Special Displacement Window. The Silent STA request was granted on 3/15/2018.

The station extended the Silent STA on 9/10/2018, FCC File Number: 0000059533. 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.

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 station resumed operations when it filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: 0000068263, on 3/4/2019. The License to Cover was granted on 3/12/2019.

On 10/15/2019, the station erroneously filed a Silent STA request, FCC File Number: 0000086504, with a date of silence of 10/14/2019. The station resolved the error when it filed a Resumption of Operations, FCC File Number: 0000086547, on 10/15/2019.

The station filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: 0000154515, on 7/29/2021. The License to Cover was granted on 7/30/2021. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.