

Tribune Broadcasting Company II, LLC
KAUT-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
(Facility ID 50182)

**Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority**

Tribune Broadcasting Company II, LLC (“Licensee”), licensee of KAUT-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, RF Channel 19 (Facility ID 50182) hereby requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority that was granted on September 8, 2021 (File No. 0000140934) in connection with KAUT-TV’s transition to the ATSC 3.0 broadcast transmission standard and related proposal to broadcast KAUT-TV’s non-primary programming streams (“multicast streams”) in ATSC 1.0 format on KOKH-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Fac. Id. No. 35388), RF Channel 24, licensed to KOKH Licensee, LLC, and KOCB(TV), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Fac. Id. No. 50170), RF Channel 33, licensed to KOCB Licensee, LLC. KAUT-TV is the 3.0 host for these broadcast stations in the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma market, and simulcasts its primary programming stream in ATSC 1.0 format on commonly owned station KFOR-TV Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Fac. Id. No. 66222), RF Channel 27. *See* File No. 0000121785.

Licensee proposes to continue to broadcast its existing multicast streams as follows:

19.2 Court TV programming and 19.3 Escape programming to KOKH-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Fac. Id. No. 35388), RF Channel 24, licensed to KOKH Licensee, LLC; and

19.4 COZI-TV programming to KOCB(TV), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Fac. Id. No. 50170), RF Channel 33, licensed to KOCB Licensee, LLC.

Licensee requests that for purposes of enforcement and application of its rules, KAUT be treated as if it is airing the multicast streams over KAUT and be the responsible party under the Act and Commission rules and regulations akin to the manner that the Commission treats ATSC 1.0 primary simulcast streams under the Next Gen TV rules.

As noted in the STA, because of ATSC 1.0 capacity constraints, KAUT-TV is not able to air its multicast streams on KFOR-TV, its primary ATSC 1.0 simulcast host. Furthermore, due to ATSC 3.0 capacity and other constraints attendant with the multi-station and multi-market coordination needed for a successful ATSC 3.0 deployment across the country, it is not feasible for Licensee to simulcast KAUT-TV’s multicast streams in an ATSC 3.0 format without unduly minimizing, if not largely eliminating, the benefits to the public and the participating stations of transitioning to ATSC 3.0. Granting this extension would ensure that all over the air viewers continue to receive access to ATSC 1.0 signals of KAUT-TV’s multicast streams. Licensee reiterates as well that it will remain responsible for these streams’ compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations.

Although Licensee has agreed to indemnify the licensee of KOKH-TV and KOCB from and against all liabilities or claims resulting from or arising out of the programming and advertising broadcast on KAUT’s program streams using the facilities of KOKH-TV and KOCB, Licensee is requesting the instant authorization to make clear that Licensee will remain responsible for the

Court TV, Escape and COZI-TV streams' compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission's rules and regulations.

An extension of this STA request will serve the public interest, as it will advance the Commission's ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving KAUT-TV's ability to air each of its programming streams in the ATSC 1.0 format to ensure that most of KAUT-TV's current viewers can continue to receive the programming currently available to them. It will also make clear that KAUT-TV is an authorized user of a portion of the channels for KOKH-TV and KOCB(TV) and is the party responsible for ensuring compliance with the Communications Act and the Commission's rules and regulations.¹

¹ Pursuant to the Media Bureau's request that all ATSC 3.0 licensees formally seek modification or clarification of the of the FCC ATSC rules prior to seeking an extension, Licensee notes and supports the Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Petition for Rulemaking filed by the National Association of Broadcasters on November 9, 2020 in GN Docket No. 16-142.