

ENGINEERING STATEMENT
IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR
MINOR CHANGE IN A LICENSED FACILITY
(FOR CHANGE IN ALLOTTED CHANNEL)
KBZK
BOZEMAN, MT

Background

Scripps Broadcasting Holdings LLC (Scripps) is the licensee of KBZK which has been authorized to operate a two-site DTS on Channel 13 (LMS File No. 0000151565) at Bozeman, MT, with the following parameters:

Parameters	DTS Site 1	DTS Site 2
Coordinates: (NAD83)	45° 38' 15.1" N 111° 16' 07.0" W	45° 41' 47.3" N 110° 46' 04.3" W
ERP:	13.9	0.15
HAAT:	225.5	317.0
RCAMSL:	1772.4	2217.4
Antenna:	ERI ATW5V-ETO-13H	Scala CL-713
Pattern:	Omni	DA

Since the digital transition, KBZK has received numerous calls from viewers living in the Montana DMA area complaining that they are unable to reliably receive the KBZK signal on Channel 13 (including viewers using indoor receiving equipment). The KBZK technical staff has worked with many of these callers to resolve the problems but it became apparent that the digital Channel 13 signal is not providing these viewers with the same quality of service that the analog facility previously provided. Therefore, in December 2021, Scripps

filed a Petition for Rulemaking with the Commission, requesting that the allotted DTV channel for KBZK be changed from Channel 13 to Channel 27 (an amendment to the original filing was subsequently filed in January 2022). The Commission granted Scripps' request on May 17, 2022 (which became effective on May 24, 2022, after publication in the Federal Register) with the following parameters:

KBZK Allotted Ch. 27 Facility

Coordinates: 45° 38' 15.1" N (NAD83)
111° 16' 07.0" W
ERP: 850.0 kW (Omni)
HAAT: 222.5m

Scripps is filing herewith an application for authorization to construct a DTS on its newly allotted DTV channel (Ch. 27).

DTS Antenna Systems and Towers

For DTS site 1, KBZK is proposing to use an omni-directional Dielectric TFU-24JTH/VP-R 04 antenna for the new Ch. 27 facility. The existing top-mounted Ch. 13 antenna will be removed, and the new Ch. 27 antenna will take its place on top of the tower at the coordinates specified above.

The new Ch. 27 antenna will be longer than the existing Ch. 13 antenna. To keep the overall structure height below 200 ft AGL, the tower will be shortened by 14 ft, resulting in a slightly lower RCAMSL of 1770.3m for the Ch. 27 antenna compared to the existing Ch. 13 antenna (1772.4m). The new HAAT is calculated to be 220.6m. Given the lower RCAMSL height of the proposed facility vs. the allotted facility, KBZK is proposing an ERP of 875.0 kW to match the allotted coverage.

The proposed KBZK DTS site 1 facility will incorporate both horizontal (850 kW) and vertical polarization (219 kW). The vertically polarized radiation component will not exceed the authorized horizontally polarized component in any azimuth.

For DTS site 2, KBZK is proposing to use a Kathrein/Scala 4DR-8S panel antenna for the new Ch. 27 facility. The existing side-mounted Scala CL-713 will be removed and the new Ch. 27 will be installed in the same aperture. The new antenna will have the same RCAMSL of 2217.4m and HAAT of 317.0m as that of the existing Ch. 13 facility. The proposed KBZK DTS site 1 facility will have horizontal polarization only.

A summary of the proposed DTS Ch. 27 facility parameters is included in the table below:

Parameters	DTS Site 1	DTS Site 2
Coordinates: (NAD83)	45° 38' 15.1" N 111° 16' 07.0" W	45° 41' 47.3" N 110° 46' 04.3" W
ERP:	875.0	4.0
HAAT:	220.6	317.0
RCAMSL:	1770.3	2217.4
Antenna:	DIE TFU-24JTH/VP-R 04	Scala 4DR-8S
Pattern:	Omni	DA
Polarization:	Elliptical	Horizontal

Coverage

The entire principal community of Bozeman, MT is well within the predicted F(50,90) 48 dBu contour based on the proposed Ch. 27 DTS facilities.

Interference Study Results

An interference check study was run using the FCC TVStudy software (Version 2.2.5) for the proposed KBZK DTS Channel 27 facility parameters. The summary results of the study show that the proposed facility is not predicted to cause more than 0.5% new interference to any other surrounding co-channel or adjacent channel facilities (see attached study results).

Environmental/RFR

This report addresses only the conditions specified in 47CFR1.1307 that deal with Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR). Any other non-RFR conditions that might require the preparation of an EA are beyond the scope of this report.

The locations of both proposed DTS sites are assumed to be currently “in compliance” with FCC guidelines for human exposure to RFR (as defined in OET-65). The worst-case ground level RFR contributed by the proposed facilities to each site in public areas are calculated to be:

DTS Site 1: 0.096237 mW/cm²

DTS Site 2: 0.109093 mW/cm²

Both calculated values are less than the MPE for public exposure (0.355333 mW/cm²) at Ch. 27 (548-554 MHz).

Both locations are considered “remote” areas as access to the sites is impeded by the rugged terrain and lack of roads, making it highly improbable that the general public can get near either site. Appropriate signage warning of potential RFR hazards is posted at both sites.

Scripps agrees to comply with the Commission's requirements regarding power adjustments or cessation of operation as may be necessary to ensure a compliant environment for worker access. Workers will be trained on RFR issues and encouraged to wear personal RFR monitors when on the structure.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing report or statement was prepared by me but may include work performed by others under my supervision or direction. The statements of fact contained therein are believed to be true and correct based on personal knowledge, information and belief unless otherwise stated; with respect to facts not known of my own personal knowledge, I believe them to be true and correct based on their origin from sources known to me to be generally reliable and accurate. I have prepared this document with due care and in accordance with applicable standards of professional practice.



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Attached:
KBZK Proposed DTS Ch. 27 TVStudy Interference Results

Proposed KBZK DTS Ch. 27 TVStudy Summary Results

Study created: 2022.05.26 20:58:55

Study build station data: LMS TV 2022-05-24

Proposal: KBZK D27 DD LIC BOZEMAN, MT
File number: KBZK-C27-DTS-OrigRef
Facility ID: 33756
Station data: User record
Record ID: 165
Country: U.S.
Zone: II
Ref. lat.: 45 38 15.10 N
Ref. long.: 111 16 7.00 W
DTS sites: 2

Search options:
Non-U.S. records included

Stations potentially affected by proposal:

IX	Call	Chan	Svc	Status	City, State	File Number	Distance
No	DKLMN	D26	DT	BL	GREAT FALLS, MT	DTVBL81331	206.2 km
No	K27DX-D	D27	DC	LIC	MCCALL, ID	BLDTA20140915ACG	398.1
No	K27MS-D	D27	DC	BL	PABLO/RONAN, MT	DTVBL168332	329.6

No non-directional AM stations found within 0.8 km

No directional AM stations found within 3.2 km

Record parameters as studied, DTS site # 1:

Channel: D27
Latitude: 45 38 15.10 N (NAD83)
Longitude: 111 16 7.00 W
Height AMSL: 1770.3 m
HAAT: 220.6 m
Peak ERP: 875 kW
Antenna: Omnidirectional
Elev Pattn: Generic
Elec Tilt: 1.00

40.0 dBu contour:

Azimuth	ERP	HAAT	Distance
0.0 deg	875 kW	355.2 m	103.0 km
45.0	875	347.1	102.3
90.0	875	260.1	91.9
135.0	875	151.8	79.8
180.0	875	89.8	73.2
225.0	875	-14.3	58.0
270.0	875	287.8	96.1
315.0	875	287.5	96.1

Record parameters as studied, DTS site # 2:

Channel: D27
Latitude: 45 41 47.30 N (NAD83)
Longitude: 110 46 7.10 W
Height AMSL: 2222.2 m (Adjusted based on actual ground elevation calculation)
HAAT: 317.0 m
Peak ERP: 4.00 kW
Antenna: Scala 4DR-8S 90.0 deg
Elev Pattn: Generic

40.0 dBu contour:

Azimuth	ERP	HAAT	Distance
0.0 deg	0.010 kW	100.1 m	18.0 km
45.0	1.44	448.8	63.8
90.0	4.00	586.8	75.3
135.0	1.44	441.9	63.5
180.0	0.010	330.6	30.3
225.0	0.002	370.9	22.7
270.0	0.048	473.8	43.9
315.0	0.002	256.2	19.5

Database HAAT does not agree with computed HAAT

Database HAAT: 317 m Computed HAAT: 376 m

DTS proposal coverage is within reference facility and distance limit

Distance to Canadian border: 367.0 km

Distance to Mexican border: 1466.0 km

Conditions at FCC monitoring station: Ferndale WA

DTS site # 1 Bearing: 297.5 degrees Distance: 926.1 km

DTS site # 2 Bearing: 296.5 degrees Distance: 957.7 km

Proposal is not within the West Virginia quiet zone area

Conditions at Table Mountain receiving zone:

DTS site # 1 Bearing: 139.1 degrees Distance: 781.5 km

DTS site # 2 Bearing: 142.0 degrees Distance: 761.9 km

Study cell size: 2.00 km

Profile point spacing: 1.00 km

Maximum new IX to full-service and Class A: 0.50%

Maximum new IX to LPTV: 2.00%

No IX check failures found.