

KSBT-LD Waiver Request

R & C Media Group, Inc (Licensee), licensee of KSBT-LD, Santa Barbara, California, Facility ID No. 2854 (Station), hereby respectfully requests a waiver of Section 73.3539 of the FCC's rules to accept this late-filed renewal of license application. Section 73.3539 requires that broadcast license renewals be filed "not later than the first day of the fourth full calendar month prior to the expiration date" for the station's license.¹ The Station's license is set to expire on December 1, 2022; thus, its renewal application was due on August 1, 2022.

Licensee regrets that it missed the August 1, 2022 filing deadline for its Station's renewal application and will take steps to ensure that it meets all future filing deadlines. However, the Commission has routinely granted waiver requests of Section 73.3539 to licensee that inadvertently miss the renewal filing deadline, including in some cases where licensees have filed to file a renewal application until after the expiration of their license. Here, Licensee avers that the brief 16 day delay in filing its license renewal application will not adversely impact the public interest and that denying Licensee's opportunity to file a renewal would be inequitable and unduly burdensome to Licensee. Moreover, if Station is unable to renew its license, the loss of its signal would diminish viewer options in Station's service area, which would be contrary to the public interest. Therefore, Licensee respectfully requests waiver of Section 73.3539 of the Commission's rules.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 73.3539(a).