

Renewal of License – TV Translator/LPTV Certifications, Discontinued Operations Narrative

KMBD-LD's, Facility ID: 49177, Minneapolis, MN, license was renewed on 4/4/2014. Accordingly, the certifications contained in this narrative cover the period from 4/4/2014 to the present.

At the beginning of the license renewal period, the station KMBD-LD, Facility ID: 49177, Minneapolis, MN, was operational pursuant to License to Cover application, FCC File Number: BLDLTL-20120117AJC, which was granted on 2/8/2012.

In addition to the periods of silence noted in the Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule Narrative¹, the station went silent on 10/8/2018 and filed a Silent Special Temporary Authority (the "Silent STA") request, FCC File Number: 0000062821, on 10/12/2018. The Silent STA was granted on 10/12/2018. The specific reason for the period of silence was that the station was undertaking efforts to construct its permanent broadcast facility pursuant to the granted Displacement Construction Permit, FCC File Number: 0000051629. Additionally, DTV America Corporation 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.²

The station filed an extension to the Silent STA, FCC File Number: 0000069750, on 4/5/2019 while it continued its efforts to construct its permanent displaced broadcast facility. The initial, contracted rigging crew was not able to complete the installation. Therefore, the Licensee needed to restart the process of negotiating a new rigging crew.

The station duly filed a Section 312(g) waiver request on 10/7/2019, FCC File Number: 0000069750. The exhibit stated the Licensee had, "been working diligently to resume operations by the Station's 312(g) deadline of October 7, 2019. As of the date of [the] filing, all of the engineering, equipment and deliveries necessary to resume operation of the Station [had] been received and/or completed, other than installation of the antenna. The licensee...was told by its antenna manufacturer that the antenna [would] not ship until early January, 2020. This [was] a new, experimental antenna for which the manufacturer had built and tested a prototype. The American arm of this manufacturer [gave] us the impression that the production-version of the antenna would be delivered on time, until they were told by their European parent that it had not yet started the production-run."

¹ See attached exhibit included in the License Renewal application.

² See, e.g., *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice et al.*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786 (MB 2017) ("*Channel Reassignment PN*"); *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6597 ¶ 3 (2014).

In the 3/26/2020 Section 312(g) waiver grant, Commission staff noted, “Consistent with the public interest and prior Bureau actions, we will provide section 312(g) relief to displaced LPTV and TV translator stations that were displaced by the Incentive Auction and pursued new displacement channels.”

The station filed a License to Cover application, FCC File Number: 0000121916, on 9/21/2020. The License to Cover was granted on 3/11/2021. Since that date, the station has been operating pursuant to its authorized specifications.