

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
KCDO-TV, STERLING, CO
FACILITY ID NO. 63158

Scripps Broadcasting Holdings LLC (“Scripps”), licensee of station KCDO-TV, Sterling, CO, hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate the station at a reduced power level of 50% (500 kW ERP) as the result of recent equipment failures.

In early May 2023, KCDO-TV experienced a fan failure in one of the heat exchangers for its transmitter. The station notified the FCC of reduced power operations and was granted an STA (LMS File No. 0000215883). The fan repair was completed quickly, and the station returned to full power operation on June 6, 2023. The heat exchange issue, however, caused damage to one of the transmitter cabinets, which subsequently failed after two days of full-power operation.

On June 15, 2023, the station notified the FCC that it once again was operating at 50% of the licensed output power while it worked to obtain and install the necessary equipment. Replacing the power supply, however, did not remedy the issue and the station must now explore a more significant repair, including possible replacement of the transmitter.

A grant of reduced power STA for 180 days will provide time for the station to thoroughly evaluate and pursue the necessary repairs and allow Scripps to continue to provide service to its local community.