

Northern California Public Broadcasting, Inc. (‘NCPB’), licensee of noncommercial educational digital television station KQET, San Francisco, California, hereby requests special temporary authorization for Station KQET to make an early transition to its post-transition Channel 25 at its full, authorized Appendix B facilities on approximately May 21, 2009, prior to the June 12, 2009 transition date. *See In re Third Periodic Review of the Commission’s Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television*, FCC 07-228, MB Docket No. 07-91 ¶¶ 121-123 (rel. Dec. 31, 2007) (the ‘Report and Order’).

Currently, KQET is operating on its pre-transition, DTV channel 58 licensed facility. NCPB had intended that KQET remain on DTV channel 58 until the June 12, 2009 transition date. However, KQET’s transition requires the installation of various components including new mask filters, complete exciter replacements, significant RF replumbing and amplifier rephasing that necessitates a new proof of performance. Completion of these tasks requires the termination of KQET’s pre-transition DTV channel 58’s operations. The mask filter manufacturer’s assistance is required for both the installation and the proof of performance. Because of scheduling difficulties caused by the delay in the final digital transition date, the manufacturer is unable to provide assistance on June 12, 2009. The manufacturer can commit to the week of May 18, 2009, and we anticipate that commencing on May 18 would result in complete construction of KQET’s final Appendix B facilities on or about May 21, 2009.

KQET’s early transition would satisfy the requirements established in the section of the Report and Order entitled ‘Termination of Digital Service on Pre-Transition Channel When Associated with Early Digital Operations on Post Transition Channel.’

- (1) As indicated in the attached ‘Station KQET–DT–Watsonville California Engineering Analysis of Early Transition to DTV Channel 25’ (the ‘Engineering Analysis’), ‘no interference increase in excess of the permissible 0.5% would be caused to any other authorized operation.’
- (2) As further indicated in the Engineering Analysis, ‘the present digital service area and population would be effectively maintained.’

Further, as NCPB indicated in its Analog Service Termination Notice filed with the Commission on March 17, 2009, KQET will be terminating its analog service on May 9, 2009. Thus, there will be no loss of analog service associated with the early transition of digital channels.