

Journal Broadcast Corporation
Request to Extend Special Temporary Authority
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Journal Broadcast Corporation (“Journal”), licensee of translator station K16EO, Oro Valley/Tucson, Arizona (Fac. ID No. 36915), hereby requests an extension of its existing special temporary authority (“STA”), BLSTA-20090710AGS, permitting it to operate in digital mode while its flash cut application remains pending. *See* BDFCDTT-20090624AEA. The STA was previously extended on January 14, 2010. *See* BELSTA-20100111ADT.

K16EO operates as a translator, rebroadcasting the signal of station KGUN-TV, Tucson, Arizona (Fac. ID No. 36918), which is also licensed to Journal. KGUN-TV broadcasts ABC network programming on digital channel 9.

On June 12, 2009, KGUN-TV transitioned its digital operations from pre-transition UHF channel 35 to post-transition VHF facilities on channel 9. Following this transition, more than eight hundred viewers from the Tucson metropolitan area contacted the station to report that they were no longer able receive over-the-air broadcast service of KGUN-TV.

One effort undertaken by Journal to address this situation was to accelerate its effort to initiate digital operation on K16EO by filing a digital flash cut application. Journal also obtained the instant STA allowing it to initiate digital operation on K16EO consistent with the parameters specified in that station’s flash cut application while the application remains pending.

K16EO’s digital operation has restored over-the-air service of KGUN-TV to some of the Tucson viewers that lost broadcast reception of the station following the digital transition. Grant of this extension request will allow K16EO to continue to provide KGUN-TV’s digital service to those viewers, furthering the public interest.

As demonstrated in the original STA request and the pending flash cut application, K16EO’s proposed operation is not predicted to create prohibited interference to any station in either the United States or Mexico.