

Basis for STA Request

Station KMIZ, Columbia, MO (Facility ID No. 63164) ("KMIZ") currently provides analog service on channel 17 and pre-transition digital service on channel 22. In the channel election process, KMIZ opted to return to channel 17 following the DTV transition.

KMIZ holds two construction permits for post-transition DTV operations on channel 17. In March 2008, KMIZ sought and subsequently obtained a construction permit authorizing post-transition DTV service at 49.3 kW ERP (BPCDT-20080317AFG). In June 2008, KMIZ sought and obtained a construction permit to maximize its post-transition digital facilities to operate at 1,000 kW ERP (BMPCDT-20080618ACV).

KMIZ has completed construction of its authorized 49.3 kW digital facilities and will be able to commence program tests following the termination of analog service on channel 17 on February 17, 2009. KMIZ's digital channel 17 transmission equipment is capable of operating at a power level greater than authorized in BPCDT-20080317AFG but less than authorized in BMPCDT-20080618ACV. So that it may serve the public by providing its DTV signal to a greater number of viewers in the Columbia, MO region, KMIZ respectfully requests special temporary authorization to operate at an interim power of 120 kW ERP as of February 17, 2009, pending the construction of its maximized 1,000 kW ERP facilities.

The proposed operations at 120 kW ERP are not predicted to cause interference to other broadcasters.