

EXHIBIT 21

Request for Approval of Early Commencement of Maximized Post-Transition DTV Operation

NCE Station KPNE-DT, North Platte, Nebraska
Facility ID: 47973 / FRN: 0002385441

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (NETC) requests approval for early operation of its maximized post-transition digital television service for noncommercial educational Station KPNE-DT ("KPNE"), DTV Channel 9, North Platte, Nebraska. A special operating condition in the KPNE post-transition facility construction permit in FCC File No. BMPEDT-20080620AAZ specifies that NETC can not commence operation pursuant to the permit prior to February 17, 2009, or such other date as the Commission may establish in the future, without prior Commission approval. Accordingly, NETC seeks authority to commence its maximized post-transition DTV Channel 9 operation under its construction permit as soon as possible.

KPNE was granted Special Temporary Authority to terminate analog and pre-transition digital service and commence early operation of its unmaximized post-transition facility in FCC File No. BLDSTA-20080624ABM. KPNE transitioned to its Channel 9 DTV facility and applied for a license to cover the unmaximized construction permit on October 15, 2008. NETC is concerned that KPNE's continuing operation of the non-maximized post-transition facility at 11.4 kW, does not adequately serve over the air viewers. The operation of the maximized facility at 85 kW will help provide a stronger and more robust signal reception for over the air viewers. Thus, NETC requests permission to transition KPNE to maximized post-transition operation on Channel 9 at 85 kW prior to the transition date.

Operation at 85 kW serves the public interest because that power level would provide DTV service to many people who are currently unable to receive KPNE service following the digital transition. Moreover, operation at 85 kW would facilitate a smoother DTV transition and improve viewer confidence in the DTV transition. For these reasons, NETC submits that the public interest would be best served by grant of this STA for KPNE to operate its maximized facility.

Based on its consulting engineer's studies, NETC believes that operation of KPNE's maximized post-transition DTV facility in FCC File No. BMPEDT-20080620AAZ prior to February 17, 2009, or any other transition date set by the Commission, will not cause impermissible interference to any other station. Please see the attached engineering exhibit.

NETC is a noncommercial educational licensee and it operates KPNE on a noncommercial educational basis. The licensee is therefore exempt from FCC filing fee requirements, pursuant to Section 1.1114 of the Commission's Rules, and the facility is exempt from FCC regulatory fees, pursuant to Section 1.1162 of the Rules.