

Request for Special Temporary Authority

On September 29, 2010, the City of Vale (“Vale”), licensee of analog TV translator station K13NC, Vale, Oregon filed a digital displacement application to specify operations on Channel 19 (File No. BDISTT-20100929ACQ). To date, this application remains pending. The translator rebroadcasts the NBC network programming of KTVB(TV), Boise, Idaho and the residents of Vale are anxious to begin receiving KTVB’s digital programming.

On March 8, 2011, the Commission sent a letter to the licensee requesting further information concerning predicted interference received from full power television station KTRV-DT, Nampa, Idaho. An amendment addressing this issue was filed March 31, 2011. The application must now be placed on an as yet unreleased Proposed Grant List (“PGL”). Even if a PGL were issued in the next few days, it would likely be sometime in June before an authorization is actually issued by the Commission. Since the original displacement application was filed over six months ago, the licensee assumed a grant would have been issued by now. The licensee intended to launch the new digital facility in mid-May. This time line now appears in jeopardy due to the fact the application remains pending.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing, Vale respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate the K13NC facility at the parameters of its pending displacement application for a period of six months, or until such time as the Commission grants the displacement. This STA will allow for K13NC to expedite commencement of KTVB’s digital programming to the Vale area.