



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In re: Station K271BT, South Lake Tahoe, CA
Facility ID No. 156438
File No. BPFT-20161031ADQ

Hispanic Family Christian Network, Inc.
Request for Extension of Tolling

Dear Mr. Alpert,

On September 18, 2020, we received your request on behalf of Hispanic Family Christian Network, Inc. (HFCN) for extension of tolling of the construction deadline for the construction permit for FM Translator Station K271BT, South Lake Tahoe, California, granted on October 31, 2016, expiring on May 16, 2020. HFCN's tolling request is based on construction delays caused by COVID-19 and wildfires in the area. We granted tolling for 6 months on March 18, 2020, which ended September 18, 2020. As is explained below, HFCN's request is denied.

HFCN requests an extension of tolling based on the COVID-19 restrictions in California which restrict nonessential businesses from conducting business indoors, and the wildfires in northern California.

We deny HFCN's COVID-19 tolling request as follows. First, we note radio stations are essential services and are not subject to the restrictions in California on nonessential services. Second, HFCN does not provide any evidence that it attempted to construct. In order to receive more time, HFCN's request should have included documentation demonstrating the steps it had taken to commence construction and how COVID-19 had impacted those efforts. For example, HFCN could have provided (i) evidence that equipment was order on time but had been delayed due to shipment constraints or supply chain issues; (ii) correspondence from tower crews indicating that they were scheduled to install equipment but did not have the crew to send; (iii) invoices demonstrating expenditures to further construction; or (iv) leases for the tower site. HFCN has offered no such evidence or any similar evidence of an attempt to construct.

HFCN also requests an extension of tolling based on the wildfires in the state and the air quality. We also deny tolling on this basis. HFCN has not provided any evidence that South Lake Tahoe, California was subject to an evacuation order or that it experienced fires. We acknowledge many areas around South Lake Tahoe, California may have experienced air quality issues of limited duration, but HFCN has not provided any specific evidence of how this may have had a direct impact on its ability to construct. Tolling is denied on this basis.

Accordingly, tolling has ended, and the new CP expiration date, calculated by adding the remaining 2 months, is December 2, 2020.

Sincerely,
Albert Shuldiner
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