

CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTING ONE-WEEK EXTENSION OF STA

After the final digital transition on June 12, 2009, KTVT, Fort Worth, Texas (“KTVT”) received thousands of complaints from viewers unable to receive its signal on its post-transition frequency, Channel 11.¹ To temporarily alleviate this situation, the station sought, and the Commission granted, special temporary authority to simultaneously operate on Channel 19, the post-transition allotment of co-owned station KTXA, Fort Worth, Texas (BDSTA-20090716ADK). Concurrently, KTXA sought and received special temporary authority to broadcast on its pre-transition digital frequency, Channel 18 (BDSTA-20090716ADJ). Pursuant to several extensions of the above STA (BEDSTA-20100225ABS and BEDSTA-20120927AGY), KTVT has broadcast simultaneously on Channels 11 and 19 since the Commission’s original grant of such special temporary authority.

To effect a permanent solution, the licensees of KTVT and KTXA filed a joint petition for rulemaking, requesting the substitution of DTV channel 19 for KTVT's assigned DTV channel 11 at Fort Worth, and the substitution of DTV channel 29 for KTXA's assigned DTV channel 19 at Fort Worth. On September 11, 2009, the Commission granted the joint petition, and amended the DTV Table of Allotments to reflect these changes in allotments. *In re Amendment of Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Fort Worth, Texas)*, MB Docket No. 09-132, 24 FCC Rcd 11824.²

KTVT subsequently filed an application on FCC Form 301 for a minor modification of facilities, and was granted a construction permit (CP) for modified facilities broadcasting on Channel 19 on November 19, 2009 (BPCDT-20091021ACO) and a subsequent application to modify the granted facilities (BMPCDT-20100521ADJ) which was granted on November 23, 2010. This CP expires on November 19, 2012.

KTVT’s Channel 19 facilities have been constructed in accordance with the CP, and the station is filing an application for a license to cover on FCC Form 302-DTV simultaneously herewith, on November 15, 2012. However, KTVT believes it would be disruptive and cause undue commercial harm to the station – and unnecessary viewer confusion and inconvenience – if it abruptly discontinued the current STA operation on Channel 11 on November 19, when its current STA expires. In this regard, we note that the November “sweeps” rating period is currently in progress and will not end until early morning on November 22. Moreover, the

¹ Prior to the final DTV transition, KTVT operated an analog facility on Channel 11, and a pre-transition DTV facility on Channel 19. In accordance with its election, KTVT was assigned Channel 11, its NTSC frequency, as its post-transition digital allotment.

² KTXA applied for and was granted a CP to construct facilities on Channel 29 (BMPCDT-20100521ADK). The granted facilities were operational in January 2011 and an application for license to cover (BLCDT-20110127AAG) was granted on June 1, 2011.

Thanksgiving Day Weekend also begins on November 22. Several NFL and college football games are scheduled to be broadcast by the CBS Television Network during the holiday weekend – including the Thanksgiving Day clash between the Houston Texans and the Detroit Lions – which would make a sudden loss of reception by some viewers particularly unfortunate. Further, while a greatly increased volume of viewer calls regarding reception problems may be anticipated after broadcasting on Channel 11 stops, handling those calls would be particularly difficult over a holiday weekend. KTVT plans to staff a call center on November 26 to instruct viewers on rescanning their converter boxes and/or antenna reorientation.

Accordingly, KTVT requests a one week extension of its current STA until 3 am local time on November 26, 2012. During the extension period, KTVT will continue broadcasting on its temporary Channel 19 and 11 facilities, pursuant to the STA. KTVT will discontinue broadcasting on its STA facilities on Channels 11 and 19, and commence full time operation on its permanent Channel 19 facilities (which are located on a different tower at the KTVT transmitting site), before 3 am local time on Monday, November 26, 2012.