

**KSNB-TV, Superior, Nebraska (Facility ID No. 21161)**  
**Special Temporary Authority Request**  
**February 2009**

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KSNB-TV, Superior, Nebraska (the “Station”), licensed to Colins Broadcasting Corporation (“Licensee”) hereby respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to construct and operate the Channel 4 post-transition DTV facility specified in Licensee’s recently granted channel change request.<sup>1</sup>

To serve its allotted DTV service population by February 17, 2009, Licensee must immediately begin implementing its post-transition DTV facilities. To do so, Licensee will make electrical modifications, replace the current analog transmitter with a new Channel 4 digital transmitter, and re-use the Station’s analog transmission line and antenna for digital operation.

Even if the DTV transition date is delayed, however, Licensee believes immediate implementation of the proposed facilities is in the public interest. Accordingly, Licensee requests authority to commence early digital operation on Post-Transition Channel 4 beginning February 17, 2009, and terminate digital operation on Pre-Transition Channel 34 pursuant to the policies adopted in the *Third DTV Periodic Review*.<sup>2</sup> Licensee today also is filing a notice that the Station intends on February 17, 2009, to terminate analog service permanently.

In the *Third DTV Periodic Review*, the Commission established the standards for licensees to request an early transition from a pre-transition DTV channel to a post-transition DTV channel.<sup>3</sup> The Commission said that it would allow stations to begin operating on their new channels before the transition date if (1) there was no impermissible interference; and (2) existing viewers would continue to be served.<sup>4</sup> The Station believes this request effectively satisfies these standards. Indeed, commencement of post-transition digital service will permit the Station to restore service to those viewers who may have lost reception when the Station was forced to reduce analog power and would provide DTV service to far more viewers than the Station’s current analog and DTV facilities, which Licensee operates pursuant to STA.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See BPRM-20080801BCW; Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Superior, Nebraska), MB Docket No. 08-209, RM-11496, DA 08-2720 (rel. Dec. 17, 2008).

<sup>2</sup> Third Periodic Review of the Commission’s Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, *Report and Order*, 23 FCC Rcd 2994, ¶ 121 (2007) (“*Third DTV Periodic Review*”).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> See Letter from Daniel A. Kirkpatrick, Esq. to Federal Communications Commission, dated Dec. 19, 2008; FCC File Nos. BDSTA-20020307ACK and BEDSTA-20081107ACD.