

Studio Waiver Request

Waiver of Section 73.1125(a) of the FCC Rules regarding the location of a station's main studio, to allow the KCAH studio to be temporarily collocated with the studios of noncommercial Station KTEH-TV, NTSC Channel 54, San Jose, California, is hereby requested. The KTEH-TV studio is located at 1585 Shallenberger Road in San Jose, Santa Clara County, and as shown by Exhibit 28B, is more than 25 miles (40.2 kilometers) from the U.S. Atlas reference coordinates for Watsonville, and is also outside of the proposed KCAH F(50,50) 80 dBu City Grade contour. A memorandum of understanding has been executed between KTEH Foundation and California State University at Monterey Bay ("CSUMB") to locate the KCAH studios at the Teledramatic Arts and Technology Building (Building 27) on the CSUMB campus at Seaside, California. KTEH Foundation currently has the use of production facilities at that location. Through a staff sharing arrangement, it has the use of a full-time management person at that location who is titled "Managing Director/KCAH Initiative". The licensee has retained an engineering consultant who has an office at that location (but who also has other clients) and is titled "Managing Engineer, KCAH". The licensee also has the use of various temporary personnel from the University for production. There is a phone at that studio with a number that is local for callers from Watsonville. However the studio does not qualify as a main studio under the rule because there is no transmission facilities, no way to relay programming to the Station KCAH transmitter, and no full-time manager on the licensee's payroll.

The licensee has been working to establish a transmission link. It intends to use a fiber optic link to take programming from the Seaside studio through the KTEH-TV facilities, to the KCAH transmitter. There are fiber runs for most of the paths needed, but no fiber is in place for continuity in Monterey County. The licensee anticipates that the fiber link will be completed in 12 to 24 months. At this time KCAH is being operated as a satellite of KTEH-TV.

Grant of the requested waiver will serve the public interest. Since acquiring this station the licensee has invested substantial resources to restore it to operation, improve facilities, and establish a local production studio. Despite current financial obstacles for public television stations, the licensee is committed to its program to complete the reformation of Station KCAH-TV, including establishing the fiber optic link needed to tie the studio in with the transmitter.

Note: Above text supplied by Mr. Thomas Fanella, General Manager of TV Station KTEH, and included here as a courtesy.

