

Explanation for STA Request

Channel 40, Inc., the licensee of KTXL-DT, Sacramento, California, (“KTXL”) hereby requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate at 50 percent of its authorized ERP. As explained below, KTXL has been unable to operate at its authorized ERP due to a transmitter malfunction beyond its control.

One of the beam supplies in KTXL’s digital transmitter failed. Because the defective beam supply furnished high voltage electricity to one of the two IOTs in KTXL's DTV transmitter, KTXL was forced to shut down one of the IOTs and reduce its DTV ERP by approximately 50 percent. KTXL promptly shipped the 6,000-pound beam supply to the manufacturer, NWL, for repair. NWL delayed initial evaluation of the returned beam supply. Diagnosis and repair have since been delayed due to a dispute over the responsibility for correcting the problem between NWL and Harris/Thales, the entity that assembled the transmitter and sold it to KTXL and Tribune Broadcasting, KTXL's indirect corporate parent. Tribune Broadcasting and KTXL are continuing to push for resolution of this dispute but do not expect the repair to be completed until December 2007 at the earliest.