

The proposed amendment to the pending modification for the permitted digital facility for KBLR-DT, Paradise, Nevada (the Station"), intends to address technical issues posed to the Station's completion of prompt build-out of the Station's permitted digital facility, as applied for by the Station's prior licensee.

The prior licensee had certified to construct a digital facility from the Station's current tower. However, the height specified cannot be constructed pending removal of existing radio station tenants from the tower. As the current licensee, Telemundo Las Vegas License LLC, does not own the tower and cannot demand the radio station tenants depart the tower prior to July 1, 2006 -- which is the FCC's current deadline for digital buildout for the Station -- the Licensee has developed an alternative means to serve a larger population than the currently permitted facility. The proposed modification, as hereby amended, extends the projected service contour by no more than 0.4 kilometers in any direction, but increases the projected population to be served. (This proposed change is consistent with recent communications with the Commission Staff. Accordingly, to the extent necessary, Licensee also requests the Commission waive any application of the current application freeze so as to bar FCC action on this proposal, which, as noted below, serves the public interest by expediting the digital transition through a de minimis extension of coverage.)

Per this proposed amendment to the pending modification application, the Licensee proposes to re-locate its digital facility to a nearby tower from which it may safely increase power and serve a larger projected population, as detailed on the attached technical exhibits. Because the proposed location on the nearby tower will necessarily be at a lower height (although at a higher power) than the currently permitted facility, and because much of the projected loss area presents limited terrain issues, there will be minimal losses in the projected area served. Indeed, as noted on the attached technical exhibits, the more significant projected "loss" areas would have been blocked by terrain (and/or are largely uninhabited) even with respect to the existing permitted facility.

The proposed modification serves the public interest by expediting the digital transition and increasing the station's overall digital service population and is necessitated by the technical issues posed by the failure of other tenants to leave the tower slots that the Station's prior licensee had intended to use for the Station. The Licensee continues to expect to re-locate back to its current tower at the height and power authorized in the Station's existing permit after the necessary tower location becomes available, but requires this proposed modification in order to enable roll-out of digital service to the expected population by July 1, 2006.

Accordingly, expedited review and approval is hereby requested.