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Re: KTCN(FM), Acton, CA
Facility ID No. 174673
Santa Clarita Organization for
Planning the Environment

BLED-20140207ABH
Program Test Authority

BLED-20140313ADT
Program Test Authority

Dear Applicant:

We have before us: (1) the above-referenced Application for License (BLED-20140207ABH) to cover Construction Permit BMPED-20140203ACN and the associated request for Program Test Authority ("PTA") filed by Santa Clarita Organization for Planning the Environment (SCOPE) on February 24, 2014; and (2) the above-referenced Application for License (BLED-20140313ADT) to cover Construction Permit BMPED-20140224AAV and the associated request for Program Test Authority ("PTA") filed by SCOPE on March 3, 2013. These licenses were filed for a new FM station at Acton, California (now KTCN).¹ For the reasons stated below, we dismiss both License Applications and deny the Requests for Program Test Authority.

Discussion. Both Construction Permits BMPED-20140203ACN and BMPED-20140224AAV contained Special Operating Condition No. 6 that states:

BEFORE PROGRAM TESTS ARE AUTHORIZED, the permittee must submit an exhibit demonstrating that the measured directional antenna pattern complies with the appropriate community coverage provisions of 47 C.F.R. Sections 73.315 or 73.515 (See 47 C.F.R. Section 73.316(c)(2)(ix)(B)).

¹ The original construction permit was BNPED-20071022AOT

The Antenna Installation Exhibit in license application BLED-20140313ADT states that the measured directional antenna pattern in license application BLED-20140207ABH appeared to be “56 persons short of covering” 50% of the population of the community of license of Acton, CA. Therefore, license application BLED-20140207ABH fails to comply with Special Operating Condition No. 6 and is subject to dismissal.²

The applicant filed the modification application BMPED-20140224AAV to propose a new location with a new antenna rotation to provide adequate city coverage.³ The Antenna Installation Exhibit in license application BLED-20140313ADT states that the measured directional antenna pattern covers 56.6% of the population of Acton, CA, in compliance with Special Operating Condition No. 6. However, an engineering review of the license application indicates that the applicant incorrectly used 2000 Census data and community boundaries to demonstrate compliance. When the 2010 Census data and boundaries are used, the application fails to comply with Special Operating No. 6. Specifically, our study shows the measured directional antenna pattern covers only 28% of the population and 23% of the area of Acton, CA.⁴ Therefore, license application BLED-20140313ADT also is subject to dismissal.

Conclusion. In light of the above, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning the Environment’s License Applications, File Nos. BLED-20140207ABH and BLED-20140313ADT ARE HEREBY DISMISSED. Furthermore, the accompanying requests for Program Test Authority ARE HEREBY DENIED. Construction Permits BMPED-20140203ACN and BMPED-20140224AAV for Station KTCN(FM) in Acton, CA, EXPIRED BY OPERATION OF LAW on February 7, 2014 and April 25, 2014, respectively, without further action by the Commission. Finally, call sign KTCN(FM) IS HEREBY DELETED. These actions are taken pursuant to Section 0.283 of the Commission’s Rules.⁵

Sincerely,



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² Furthermore, the applicant has stated that it lost the use of this site and the facility was moved to new location.

³ This permit was granted on February 26, 2014 with an expiration date of April 25, 2014.

⁴ Furthermore, our study indicates that using 2000 Census data, the application covers only 33% of the population and 26% of the area of Acton, CA and thus, fails to comply with Special Operating Condition No. 6.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.283.