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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Via Overnight Delivery

Attention: Video Division

Re: KTIV, Sioux City, Iowa (Fac. ID No. 66170)  
Notice of and Request for Continued Use of Emergency Antenna

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of KTIV Television, Inc. ("KTIV") licensee of KTIV, Sioux City, Iowa, this letter is intended to serve as notification to the Commission, pursuant to Rule Section 73.1680, that a catastrophic failure of the transmission line feeding KTIV's authorized antenna has created a situation where KTIV's operations will, for a period of time, involve the use of a non-licensed emergency antenna at the authorized site in order to restore and maintain KTIV's service to the public.

On or around the early morning of November 7, KTIV experienced a catastrophic transmission line failure. After staying on the licensed antenna and transmission system for a short period of time at reduced power, the licensee has now switched its operations to a side-mount emergency antenna mounted at approximately 700 feet (213 meters) AGL at an ERP of approximately 52 kW. It has been determined that KTIV's entire transmission line must be replaced.

KTIV anticipates it will take, at a minimum, 15 weeks to obtain a replacement transmission line, and with winter weather bearing down on the region, the actual installation of the new transmission line (and concomitant restoration of full licensed operations) may be further subject to delay by winter weather and unsafe conditions. KTIV is weighing its potential options for continued operation during this period of time (continuing on the emergency antenna or any other option) and, within the next couple of weeks, KTIV anticipates filing a request for engineering STA to provide all relevant operational specifications.

If any questions should arise during your consideration of this matter, it is respectfully requested that you communicate directly with this office.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hartzell  
Counsel to KTIV Television, Inc.

cc: Kevin Harding, FCC (via email)