

FOX 35 Will Delay the Transition to Digital

Congress has approved the initiative to delay the deadline for broadcast television stations to shut off their analog signals and telecast in digital only until June 12, 2009. President Obama has supported the delay.

FOX 35 has complied with the mandate to purchase and install the necessary digital equipment, and has in fact been simultaneously broadcasting our digital signal along with our analog signal for quite some time. Hopefully delaying the shut down of our analog signal will allow Congress to make funds available so those who have requested, but not yet received, converter box coupons will receive the coupons in time for the new deadline to take effect.

We know that most homes are prepared for the transition, but the delay should make the transition go much more smoothly if the coupons are mailed out for all of our viewers by the government.

In the meantime, KXTF will continue to telecast a digital signal on Channel 34, as well as the analog signal on Channel 35.

*Note: Digital Channel 34 or 35? Answer: KXTF was allocated channel 34 by the FCC. So you will need to tune your digital tuner to 34 to receive our digital signal. However, the FCC allows stations to continue using their current channel number for branding purposes. Therefore KXTF FOX-35 will appear as channel 35 on your digital tuner.

Announcements on the new deadline will be implemented as soon as instructions are received from the Federal Communications Commission. Meanwhile, broadcast stations are directed to continue current announcements as they are.

Please call FOX 35 at 733-0035 if you have any questions about the transition or how to order coupons for the digital converter boxes.