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Mr. Hossein Hashemzadeh
Deputy Division Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: K51LP-D, FI 68524 Resumption of Operations after Chelan Complex Fire

Dear Mr. Hashemzadeh:

The Methow Valley Communications District seeks to Resume Operation of the above listed television translator effective November 11, 2016 after being off the air due to fire.

Beginning on August 15, 2015 the Chelan Complex Wildfire erupted and burned nearly 89,000 acres. The translator site housing five channels (K49LD-D, K51LP-D, K12AV-D, K10AP-D, K08AP-D) serving Pateros & Mansfield, WA known as Goat 3 was completely destroyed. As a matter of course, we filed silent STA's for these stations effective 8/23/2015. During the fall and winter the District began the process of accessing the replacement of the building, equipment and electrical infrastructure. Since this was such a large fire on Forest Service property we engaged assistance from FEMA as well. As this site is on Forest Service land, the District had to seek this agency's approval for cleanup and reconstruction. The Forest Service granted approval for cleanup on July 29, 2016 almost a year after the initial fire. They also approved the plan for a replacement building and temporary shelter to house the equipment until the permanent structure could be purchased, delivered and installed. The District was then able to begin soliciting bids for site cleanup and restoration of electrical power. Initial site cleanup was begun on September 14, 2016.. Electrical service was restored to the site in October of 2016. New translators and antennas were installed and the system was put back on the air effective November 11, 2016.

The District has attached several documents attesting to the actual dates of reconstruction.

Respectfully submitted,


Ken Westman
Chairman

cc: Byron St. Clair, Engineering Consultant