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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

Class A low power television station KCLP-CD, Boise, Idaho

FCC Facility ID No. 27621

Notification of Silent Status & Request for STA

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Treasure Valley Telecasting LLC, licensee of Class A low power television broadcast station KCLP-CD, Boise, Idaho, this is to notify the FCC's Video Division that the station has temporarily discontinued operations due to equipment failure.

Construction of the digital transmitting facilities of KCLP-CD was completed late last year pursuant to its construction permit (FCC File No. BDFCDTA-20130819AAH) at its mountaintop transmitter site on Deer Point Peak, north of Boise. At that time, tests of the digital transmitting equipment were run. These showed the station delivering a beautiful picture as far away as Caldwell, Idaho, some 40 miles from the transmitter site.

Unfortunately, the licensee's efforts to continue broadcasting were stymied by the immediate failure of the DVEO MPEG2 converter unit, as was informally reported to David Brown of the Video Division or about December 21, 2015.

The defects in the unit would no doubt already have been repaired by now, except that for the past ten weeks access to the site has been complicated by extreme snow depths, now totaling almost six feet. Due to this year's *El Nino* weather pattern, snowfalls on Deer Point Peak have approached all-time record levels. See the data published by the Northwest River Forecast Center of NOAA, at http://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/snow/snowplot.cgi?BOGI1. This information is for the weather reporting station at nearby Bogus Basin Ski Resort, but it is substantially indicative of conditions at Deer Point Peak, which is only slightly higher in elevation than the NOAA monitoring station.

Other sites in the area have been similarly affected. Thus, for example, engineers whom Treasure Valley Telecasting would have used to deal with KCLP-CD's situation were preoccupied with the collapse last month of a communications tower on Brundage Mountain, some 90 miles north

north of Deer Point Peak.

While it is possible to reach the KCLP-CD site using snowshoes, it is not practical for station personnel carrying heavy equipment to climb to the site using that means. Accordingly, it has become necessary for the licensee to request special temporary authority for KCLP-CD to remain off the air until its converter unit can be replaced. The licensee has been advised that, contrary to the representations of the vendor, the DVEO unit cannot effectively be repaired or modified so as to fit its intended purpose. Therefore a replacement unit (one with superior capabilities) has been purchased from a different vendor. It is due to be delivered to the licensee's Boise office later today. Treasure Valley Telecasting's field engineer plans to test it and take it to the transmitter site on Deer Point Peak as soon as possible. Thus the licensee anticipates that, with occasional breaks in the weather, and adequate assistance from the vendor of the new converter unit, it should be possible to restore service within the coming two to three weeks.

It should be noted that efforts were made previously to report the station's status by electronic filings, both in the Commission's new Licensing Management System and (when that system did not seem to offer an appropriate form for this purpose) in CDBS. Neither system seemed to be set up to accept the subject submission with regard to KCLP-CD, so a paper STA request was filed with the Secretary's Office last month. However, thanks to the excellent assistance of Hossein Hashemzadeh of the Commission's Video Division, while the undersigned was in Idaho, the problem has been solved such that one is now able to access the appropriate section of LMS for submission of a Silent STA request for this facility.

Nevertheless, it should be noted that for some reason LMS still shows the station as licensed to Alpha & Omega Communications, LLC. Alpha & Omega assigned the license for KCLP-CD to Treasure Valley Telecasting, LLC as of December 30, 2015. The consummation of the assignment transaction was reported to the FCC in CDBS, in File No. BALTTA-20151110APK, on December 31, 2015. Alpha & Omega was dissolved a few moments thereafter, that same day, and no longer has anything to do with KCLP-CD.

If it is necessary for the assignee to register that change somehow in LMS in addition to the notification supplied in CDBS, information as to how to accomplish that would be appreciated.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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