



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: TV Translator K44CK, Chelan, Washington  
Facility ID No. 58692  
File No. 0000004547; 0000010747

Dear Licensee:

This is with respect to the August 23, 2016 letter filed on behalf of Mountain Licenses, L.P. (MLLP), the licensee of television translator station K44CK, Chelan, Washington, asking the Commission to waive the automatic cancellation provision of Section 312(g) of the Communications Act. That section provides, in pertinent part, that if a station fails to transmit a broadcast signal for any consecutive 12-month period then the station's license expires at the end of that period. The Commission may, however, extend or reinstate the license "to promote equity and fairness."<sup>1</sup> For the reasons set forth below, we will grant a waiver extending the station's license beyond August 24, 2016.

Station K44CK has been off the air since August 24, 2015 when its translator site burned down as a result of a forest fire. MLLP explained in a request for silent authority that the site sits on a very steep mountain range in the Washington State Cascade Mountains and that it did not have access to the site before the subsequent winter season.<sup>2</sup> In its request for an extension of silent authority, MLLP reiterated that the site was difficult to access and that it was told by the local utility to expect substantial delays before electricity could be restored to the site.<sup>3</sup> In its August 23, 2016 waiver letter, MLLP reports that the local utility, Chelan County Power, has not yet been able to restore power to the site.

As MLLP points out in its August 23, 2016 letter, the Commission has exercised its discretion under section 312(g) where a station's extended silence is due to natural disasters and circumstances outside its control,<sup>4</sup> and we conclude that MLLP has presented facts that justify extending the station's

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</sup> File No. 0000004547, granted Nov. 17, 2015.

<sup>3</sup> File No. 0000010747, granted May 16, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> See *V.I. Stereo Communications Corp.*, 21 FCC Rcd 14259 (2006)

license. Accordingly, we HEREBY EXTEND the K44CK license for a period of a year from the date of this letter and further ORDER Mountain Licenses, L.P. to file written reports every 90 days reporting on the status of its efforts to return k44CK on-air.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hossein Hashemzadeh", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hossein Hashemzadeh  
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