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Date: Monday, November 16, 2020
From: Gordon Ichikawa
Subject: Rejoice Radio

I, Gordon Ichikawa, President GRI Telecom, Inc. hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

I have been the President of GRI Telecom, Inc. for since 1985 and have many years of experience in towers, construction of towers, and installation of antennas on towers of varying sizes from small to large towers. GRI owns or manages 21 towers with heights of from 100 to 1000 feet.

GRI is the exclusive manager of the Comfort Hill tower, FCC ASRN [1006946](#) owned by Dalrymple Realty Corporation, Elmira, NY. The tower at that location is at Latitude 42-1-55.0 North and Longitude 76-47-1.0 West. ("GRI Tower").

Jeff Surgeon of Pensacola Christian College, which I refer to as PCC, contacted me in late Spring as to a possible tower site for the PCC's FM translator station as they had lost their current site at the Chemung County's Emergency Operations Center tower and were having difficulty in locating an appropriate tower. He had considered other locations without success. I proposed Comfort Hill GRI Tower, ASRN 1006946, referenced above. We spoke a number of times in June and July in negotiations for a lease. Besides the rent amount, issues addressed were the height for the PCC FM translator antenna on the tower and placement of PCC's satellite dish and transmitter at the tower site.

In mid-July, we reached an understanding on the essential terms and I had our staff prepare a Lease to propose to PCC. That Lease was acceptable to PCC and was executed by PCC. I told Jeff Surgeon that we would install PCC's antenna on the tower as well as their satellite dish and transmitter at the tower site. I indicated I would find a tower crew to do the tower work. PCC proceeded to apply for an FCC construction permit to locate on the GRI Tower.

PCC confirmed in the last week of August that they had FCC approval of a construction permit for the Comfort Hill GRI Tower, an absolutely essential pre-condition in the terms of the Lease, and PCC had equipment ordered for immediate delivery. My first step was to retrieve the PCC transmitter and satellite dish from the existing site at the Chemung County Emergency Management Center tower which unfortunately took approximately 14 days as the Emergency Management staff limited access to the site to only pre-approved companies and we were not pre-approved. To expedite the process a third party company, which was pre-approved was retained and removed the PCC transmitter and satellite dish on GRI's behalf.


Approved tower riggers were then contacted to perform the tower work. Armor Tower and Elevated Tower are our primary riggers for this tower.

It was quickly discovered that the New York State Governor's lock-down of Chemung County, and New York State, to help contain the spread of Corona virus was a serious complication as some tower crews were locked down and others were reluctant to deploy. As to crews who were willing to work, they were overwhelmed with meeting the Phase 10 deadline for TV Repack tower work and not immediately available.

Frankly, with my tower experience and many sources I felt I could surmount this Corona virus problem. That was not the case. In spite of my best efforts, the impact of the Covid pandemic was too great and I did not find a crew to install PCC's antenna by October 4th. I eventually found a crew who would be able to make the installation by mid-November and certainly no later than November 20th.

PCC's transmitting equipment and satellite downlink hardware had been installed at the site, ASRN 106946, and upon installation of the transmitting antenna and FCC authorization, is ready to be commissioned.

I sincerely regret the possible impact on PCC's translator station license, which Jeff Surgeon has related to me, and I encourage the FCC to understand that the Covid-19 pandemic was the reason a tower crew wasn't available to install the FM translator antenna to enable the translator to operate at our Comfort Hill tower site by October 4th.

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