

AGREEMENT REGARDING INTERFERENCE TO LOW POWER AND TRANSLATOR
TELEVISION STATIONS

The State of Alaska (State) is licensee of various translator and Low Power Television Stations (Stations). The Alaska Broadcast Television Consortium (Consortium) and its present members, television stations KTUU, KTBY, KYES, KAKM, KTVA and KIMO, and any future Consortium members desire to transfer certain licenses from the State to Consortium members. Members of the Consortium intend to assume operation of said stations, which are located on the Kenai Peninsula, Seldovia, Eagle River and Girdwood/Turnagain Arm, pursuant to an agreement which the parties are currently negotiating.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), from time to time, provides for applications for major changes to or applications for new LPTV stations. At this time the Consortium and the State have not completed an agreement allowing the Consortium members to assume responsibility to operate the Stations, and as the FCC has issued notice of a "window" of time for filing applications. The Consortium desires to improve, extend and expand signal coverage by means of LPTV stations. However, existing State Stations obstruct improvements.

Inasmuch as the State desires the Consortium and its members to assume responsibility for operation of the Stations, and to improve its coverage, it is agreed as follows:

Consortium members may file for major changes or new stations at any time they are allowed to do so by the FCC. In the event a major change or new station applied for is predicted to cause contour overlap that is otherwise prohibited under FCC rules, the State hereby agrees to accept any interference that such changes or proposed stations may cause. In the event service contours resulting from major changes or new stations overlap and replace service contours of existing State stations, the State, acknowledging that the new Consortium broadcasting activities replace service rendered by the State station, shall cease transmitting from the replaced station. Having ceased operation of the Station, the State shall return the license or other FCC authorization of said station to the FCC for cancellation.

This agreement is limited to translators and LPTV stations licensed to the State within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Municipality of Anchorage, and Matanuska-Susitna Borough ("Affected Areas"). This waiver by the State of its right to complain of interference with its existing translators and LPTV stations does not affect the rights of any third parties whose licensed facilities may be subject to interference by activities of the Consortium. The Consortium acknowledges and agrees that it or its members alone, and not the State, shall be responsible for any interference with third parties' signals not permissible under FCC rules and regulations that may result from broadcasting activities of the Consortium in the Affected Areas.

State of Alaska



Robert Poe, Commissioner
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