

**Before The
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In re applications of:)
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SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE)
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For Cancellations of Licenses for)
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Class A TV Station DKSKC-CD) Fac. ID 168332 / File No. 0000030075
TV Translator Station DK20CP-D) Fac. ID 58665 / File Nos. 0000030081, 0000030078
TV Translator Station DK42HO-D) Fac. ID 168333 / File No. 0000030077
TV Translator Station DK48EG-D) Fac. ID 58661 / File No. 0000030079
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Attn: Media Bureau
Low Power TV/TV Translator Division

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION
CONVERSION OF KSKC-CD FROM CLASS A TO TV TRANSLATOR STATUS

Salish Kootenai College, pursuant to Section 1.106 of the Commission's rules, hereby supplements and re-submits its Petition for Reconsideration of the cancellations, and for reinstatement, of the licenses for the four stations referenced above: Class A TV Station KSKC-CD, Pablo/Ronan, Montana; TV Translator Station K20CP-D, Elmo, Montana; TV Translator Station K42HO-D, St. Ignatius, Montana; and TV Translator Station K48EG-D, Arlee, Montana. Salish Kootenai College originally petitioned for reconsideration of the four license cancellations by filing submitted on October 20, 2017, and now supplements that petition to include further information concerning the plans to reinstate broadcast service over these stations, and to seek to convert Station KSKC-CD from Class A to TV translator status in connection with the request for reinstatement.

Background. On September 22, 2017, Salish Kootenai College requested cancellation of the licenses for KSKC-CD (File No. 0000030075), K20CP-D (File Nos. 0000030081 and

0000030078), K42HO-D (File No. 0000030077), and TV Translator Station K48EG-D (0000030079). The FCC cancelled the four licenses on September 22, 2017. At the time of the cancellation requests, Salish Kootenai College believed that it could no longer maintain and operate the stations due to financial constraints and burdens, including the loss of important station personnel that it was unable to replace financially, the loss of station funding from the Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes, and the inability to adequately address equipment costs.

However, subsequent to requesting the cancellations, Salish Kootenai College has been in discussions with a local noncommercial educational broadcaster in Montana – Montana State University, licensee of several noncommercial educational full-service and TV translator stations operating as Montana PBS – that is interested in acquiring the licenses and utilizing the stations as part of its noncommercial educational television network.

Supplemental information in support of Petition for Reconsideration and regarding plans to reinstate operation. Upon reinstatement of the licenses, Salish Kootenai College plans to assign the stations to Montana State University, and Montana State University then plans to take steps to restore service over the stations. Importantly, with respect to Class A Station KSKC-CD, Montana State desires to operate and maintain the station as a TV translator license, rather than a Class A TV license. Salish Kootenai College therefore requests to convert KSKC-CD from Class A to TV translator status in connection with this Petition for Reconsideration and the planned assignment of the KSKC-CD license to Montana State University.

With respect to the resumption of operation of the stations, Montana State University plans as follows, upon the reinstatements requested herein: first, to obtain the licenses from Salish Kootenai College through assignment; second, to obtain transmission site lease agreements for the stations by transfer from Salish Kootenai College; third, to reinstall translator equipment, as

needed, and dependent (in terms of timing) on seasonal weather conditions; and fourth, to proceed with resumption of service – Montana PBS has determined that it has available signals from its existing facilities that are able to reach and broadcast through the stations upon reinstatement and acquisition of the authorizations.

Additional Justification and Public Interest Showing in Support of Reinstatements.

Salish Kootenai College, a Native American Tribal College associated with the Confederated Tribes of Flathead Nation, submits that the reconsideration of the cancellations and reinstatement of the licenses will greatly serve the public interest by facilitating the restoration of noncommercial broadcast service (including children’s educational programs) to some of the most rural and underserved areas and communities in the United States.¹ In particular, these facilities provide the *only* public television service to areas within the Flathead Indian Reservation in western Montana, and viewer inquiries raising concerns over the loss of service have already been received. Restoration of noncommercial educational television program signals to this area would be of enormous benefit, including providing access to preschool education programming for children in the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Conclusion. For all of these reasons, Salish Kootenai College respectfully reaffirms its request that the FCC reconsider the cancellations of the KSKC-CD, K20CP-D, K42HO-D, and K48EG-D licenses, and reinstate the licenses to active status, including a conversion to TV translator status for KSKC-CD if appropriate at this time and in connection with this filing. As explained, reconsideration of the cancellations and reinstatement of the licenses will serve the

¹ The populations of Elmo, Montana, St. Ignatius, Montana, and Arlee, Montana are each less than 1,000 persons, and the population of Pablo, Montana is less than 2,000 persons.

public interest by restoring noncommercial educational television service (via TV translator operations) to rural, underserved areas and populations, including the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Respectfully submitted,

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