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February 13, 2015

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

ATTN: Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau

RE: December 18 Decision, DA 14-1859, FM Channel 225C3 assigned from Clatskanie to Napavine for Threshold Communications
Clatskanie/Napavine, Facility ID 189494
File No. BNPH-20110630AHJ

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is a request from the City of Clatskanie to leave the above FM channel assigned to the Clatskanie area.

Clatskanie is a very rural community, being 20 miles from the nearest city of any size and that is Longview, Washington. The population of the city is 1,800, but the greater community is approximately 4,000 in population. We are 35 miles from the county seat of St. Helens. Because of the topography of our area, radio reception is very spotty, even from the big stations in Portland approximately 75 miles away. It is impossible to get our local news or coverage on any of the stations that we can receive here.

One of our main concerns is public safety. Being rather isolated from radio or TV media contacts, it becomes ever more important to plan for the future utilizing an FM station that could be used not only for local news, but for emergency broadcasts to our greater community. In 1996, this area experienced a disastrous flood that isolated our community for some days and was devastating to our downtown core area and businesses. There is also a growing concern about earthquakes expected in this western Oregon area according to scientists. We are surrounded by forests that can

be vulnerable to forest fires. For these reasons, having the availability and possibility of having a local station becomes more important and even life-saving.

An industrial complex with an investment of \$1.8 billion dollars and offering 220 full time, family-wage jobs is being proposed at the industrial park at Port Westward, which is seven miles from our city. Thus this area will grow and the need for community communications will become even more important.

It is our hope this option of the access to FM Channel 225C3 will continue to be allotted to the Clatskanie area.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Pohl", with a stylized, cursive script.

Mayor Diane Pohl

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