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Dear Mr. Doyle:

Lake County Community Radio (LCCR) appreciates the opportunity to provide additional information in response to the May 27, 2016 Memorandum Opinion and Order and Notice of Apparent Liability For Forfeiture (NAL).

LCCR submitted what we thought was a completed and timely license renewal application. A few weeks after our submittal we received a call from Media Bureau staff indicating additional information was needed on the application. Linda McCauley and Shannon Hyatt were very helpful in getting our application finished with the additional information. At that point we did not realize that anything was out of order.

The NAL, Section II, Background, indicates the date of our submittal as September 16, 2013. LCCR believes that is about the time we were contacted by Media Bureau personnel, not the actual date of our submittal.

Subsequently, in May of 2014, LCCR was contacted by Cheryl Kornegay, who was kind enough to inform us we needed to declare certain information about our EEO responsibilities, which we did right away. We were pleased to receive quick response from Lewis Pulley of the Media Bureau indicating no further action was required. Again, we assumed everything was in order.

As LCCR believed we had filed a timely license renewal and would never knowingly put our license at risk, we were surprised to receive the NAL and hope you will consider the above explanation in making a final determination in this matter.

LCCR appreciates the acknowledgement enumerated in the NAL, Section III, #8, especially the finding that we serve a public interest. To that point, KPFZ-FM garnered nation-wide press notice, as well as local organizational gratitude during the horrific Valley Fire in September of 2015 (the third worst wild land fire in California history - 1,281- homes lost). During that event KPFZ broadcast 24-hours a day with live call-in fire coverage that went on for nearly three weeks, and greatly helped in organizing a countywide response to those in need. Many evacuees could only get information about the fire, sheltering and recovery efforts by listening to KPFZ.

KPFZ-FM is a small rural community station with a very limited signal area (300 watts erp) that functions with an all-volunteer staff and programmers; only two small stipends are given for essential chores. Aside from a PTFP start-up grant in 2006, no taxpayer/public money has been used to support this station. We are 100% locally funded by the people of Lake County who look to this station to enrich their lives and stayed informed. As one of the poorest counties in California the generosity of our listeners has been remarkable but reaching out for additional funds in the current economic climate would be an unfortunate burden. In particular, because of the public donations going to the fire emergency, we are hard pressed to expect more from our supporters.

In light of the above, LCCR respectfully requests a reduction or cancellation of the proposed fine.

On a final note, by responding timely to the May 27, 2016 NAL, LCCR assumes we are not required to submit payment (\$1500) until and if the order is upheld. If this assumption is incorrect, please notify us as soon as possible at the address or phone number on the letterhead.

Thank you for any consideration. LCCR is most appreciative of the assistance received by the Media Bureau staff throughout the application renewal process.

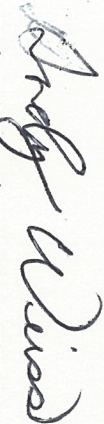
Sincerely,



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