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OFFICE OF
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86-285

RE: Request for Waiver of Late Charge
Penalty for FY 2000 Regulatory Fees
Fee Control No. 0101108835825001

Dear Mr. Seale:

This is in response to the request for waiver of the late charge penalty for late payment of Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 regulatory fees, filed on behalf of Buford Media Group, L.L.C.

You state that Buford purchased several small cable systems in April and August of 2000, that Buford did not own the systems on December 31, 1999 or know the 1999 year end subscriber information, and that you felt that the previous owners would have paid the regulatory fees that were due in September 2000.

We have fully considered all of your contentions. The Communications Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Commission to assess a late charge penalty of 25 percent on any regulatory fee not paid in a timely manner. Where an authorization is transferred after December 31, 1999, the holder of the authorization on the date that payment is due must pay the fee. *See Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2000*, 15 FCC Rcd 14478, 14496 ¶ 45. Moreover, it is the obligation of the licensee responsible for regulatory fee payment to ensure that the Commission receives the fee payment no later than the final date on which regulatory fees are due for the year. Your request does not indicate or substantiate that this obligation was met. Therefore, your request is denied.

Payment of late charge penalties in the amount of \$764.00 for FY 2000 is now due. The late charge penalties must be filed together with a Form 159 (copy enclosed) within 30 days from the date of this letter. You are cautioned that the failure to submit payment as required may result in further sanctions and the initiating of a proceeding to recover the penalties and accrued interest pursuant to the provisions of the Debt Collection Improvement Act.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call the Revenue & Receivable Operation Group at 418-1995.

Sincerely,


Mark Reger
Chief Financial Officer



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January 3, 2001

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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Regulatory Fee Waiver/Reduction Request

Dear Sir:

In April of last year (2000), our company, Buford Communications 1, L.P. (FRN #0004-2649-90) purchased several small cable television systems from Cable Entertainment Company in Arkansas. The acquisitions included the following systems:

Marshall, AR	AR0325
Rondo, AR	AR0538
Elaine, AR	AR0445
Lakeview, AR	AR0619
Plumerville, AR	AR0542
Aubrey, AR	AR0539
Friars Point, MS	MS0322
Jonestown, MS	MS0324
Crowder, MS	MS0323
Lula, MS	MS0325

In August of last year (2000), our company also purchased several small cable television systems from Cadron Cable Company in Arkansas. The acquisition included the following systems:

Wooster, AR	AR0660
Faulkner County, AR	AR0659
Perryville, AR	AR0456
Higden, AR	AR0426
Perry, AR	AR0454
Cleburne County, AR	AR0424
Bigelow, AR	AR0628
Oppelo, AR	AR0477
Greers Ferry, AR	AR0425
Perry County, AR	AR0455
Greenbrier, AR	AR0661

Since we did not own the systems on December 31, 1999, or know the 1999 year end subscriber information, we felt that the previous owners would have paid the FCC fee (Code 0071) which was due in September, 2000. However, in our efforts to confirm that information, we found that the fees had not been paid. We immediately took it upon ourselves to remedy the situation. We have submitted the proper forms and paid the FCC fee required. Copies of those form 159's are included. At this point, we are requesting a waiver for the late payment fee of 25 percent. As the present owners, we feel as if we have conscientiously tried to fulfill our obligations as a responsible cable television operator. Your favorable consideration of this waiver is requested. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call on me at (903)561-4158. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Seale, III
Partner