



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Clay Dotson  
P.O. Box 146  
Young Harris, GA 30582

Request for Waiver of Regulatory Fees  
Fee Control No. 00000RROG-02-001

Dear Mr. Dotson:

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*Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act, FCC 95-257, ¶ 16, released June 22, 1995.*

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Reger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

 Mark Reger  
Chief Financial Officer

Clay Dotson  
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Mark Reger  
Chief Financial Officer

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Tri-County TV Booster Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 57  
Hiawassee, GA 30546-0057

November 5, 2001

Attn: Regulatory Fee Waiver/Reduction Request  
Office of the Managing Director  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 1-A625  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: FY 2001 Mass Media Regulatory Fees

Last year at this time, I wrote to you concerning the status of The Tri-County TV Booster Club of Hiawassee, Georgia. A copy of the letter is enclosed. To date, no response has been received. Yet, the annual mass media regulatory fee forms for each translator station have been received again.

In last year's letter, I informed you that we had eliminated stations with the following call numbers: W13AX, W10AM, and W07BB. The FCC was notified at the time they were eliminated. Since we received a separate regulatory fee for the eliminated stations, I assume you have not removed them from your active list of translator stations.

Are we still exempt from payment since we are a non-profit community service organization? Please refer to the enclosed letters for additional information.

Our Tax Identification number is 58-1554354.

If you respond, please send to Clay Dotson, P.O. Box 146, Young Harris, Georgia 30582.

Sincerely,

*Clay Dotson*  
Clay Dotson

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**Tri-County TV Booster Club, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 57**  
**Hiawassee, GA 30546-0057**

November 13, 2000

Attn: Regulatory Fee Waiver/Reduction Request  
Office of the Managing Director  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 1-A625  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: FY 2000 Mass Media Regulatory Fees

The Tri-County TV Booster Club has operated TV translator stations in the North Georgia Mountains for three decades. During that time the primary person in our organization was L.C. McCall who took care of communications with the FCC. Mr. McCall died about three months ago and I have secured the records of the organization from his daughter. While going through them tonight, I discovered mailings from the FCC concerning regulatory fees and the 2000 annual employment report. Needless to say, the deadline for responding has passed.

I need your advice on what I should do. I found evidence that we have been granted a waiver of fees in the past. Copies of the letter requesting the waiver and your response are enclosed.

The Booster Club does not and has never had paid employees. Until recently, we operated six translators at two separate sites. One of the sites was eliminated and I know that we sent a letter to the FCC advising you of that action. I don't find a copy in the files that Mr. McCall's daughter gave to me. We received regulatory fee and employment forms for the three eliminated translators. The call letters for the translators that were eliminated are W13AX, W10AM, and W07BB.

We still operate one site with three translators with the following call letters: W13AY, W07BE, and W10AQ. We are requesting a continuation of the waiver of fees for the same reasons enumerated previously.

The translator site still in operation serves a small number of older citizens who live back in the hollows of a small area around Young Harris, Georgia. Many of them cannot afford satellite receivers and don't have access to cable. Persons who once provided donations to keep the organization going can afford satellite receivers and/or cable and are not interested in providing contributions today. The imposition of fees would most likely force us to close down the site within a few years.

Please advise me as to additional steps that I need to take to correct our failure to file on time.

Clay Dotson  
P.O. Box 146  
Young Harris, GA 30582

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REVENUE &  
RECEIVABLES  
OPERATIONS GROUP**

# Memo

To: The Office of General Counsel  
From: Tom Putnam   
Date: December 13, 2001  
Re: Tri-County TV Booster Club, Inc.

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I have researched our records and cannot find a response to the letter dated November 13, 2000 referred to in the applicant's letter of November 5, 2001.

I did however locate a case from 1997 - 98. A copy in its entirety is enclosed for your reference.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20554

July 6, 1998

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OFFICE OF  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. Clay Dotson  
President  
Tri-County TV Booster Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 57  
Hiawassee, GA 30546

Re: Request for Waiver of Regulatory Fee  
Tri-County TV Booster Club, Inc.

Dear Mr. Dotson:

This is in response to your request for a waiver of the FY 1997 regulatory fees for Tri-County TV Booster Club, Inc., which has licenses for Television Translator Stations in the Hiawassee, Georgia, area. You maintain that the translators are not licensed to and do not have common ownership with the licensee of a commercial broadcast station, they do not derive any income from advertising, and that the costs of operating the transmitters are supported by contributions from residents of the community.

In implementing the regulatory fee program, the Commission indicated that it would waive the regulatory fees for any translator station that:

(1) is not licensed to, in whole or in part, and does not have common ownership with, the licensee of a commercial broadcast station; (2) does not derive income from advertising; and (3) is dependent on subscriptions or contributions from the members of the community served for support.

Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act, FCC 95-257, ¶ 16 (June 15, 1995).

Based upon your representations, we will waive the regulatory fees for Tri-County TV Booster Club, Inc. The waiver shall remain in effect until there is an assignment of your licenses or a substantial change in the financing of your translator service. You should retain this letter, and a copy should be included in any correspondence with the Commission concerning the regulatory fees for the translator stations.

Mr. Clay Dotson

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If you have any questions concerning the waiver, please call the Chief, Fee Section, at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas M. Holleran  
Acting Associate Managing  
Director - Financial Operations

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Jerry

TRI-COUNTY TV BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

POST OFFICE BOX 57

HIAWASSEE, GA 30546

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Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: FY 1997 MASS MEDIA REGULATORY FEES

Gentlemen:

As the licensee of TV Translator Stations, W0BB, W0BE, W10AM, W10AX, W13AX and W13AY we feel that the regulatory fees for these stations should be waived for the following reasons:

- (1) The stations are not licensed to, in whole or in part with the licensee of any commercial broadcast station.
- (2) These stations do not derive income from advertising.
- (3) These stations are dependent on contributions from the members of the communities served for support.
- (4) There are no paid employees and all work performed on these stations is performed by volunteers.

For the above-named reasons we trust that Commission will waive all regulatory fees.

Sincerely,

*Clay Dotson*  
Clay Dotson,  
President