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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20554

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OFFICE OF
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Casey Lorenz
Stations Manager
Wennes Communications Stations, Inc.
213 W. Water Street
Decorah, Iowa 52101

Re: Request for Waiver of Late Charge Penalty for
FY 2002 Regulatory Fees
Fee Control No. 00000RR0G-03-066

Dear Mr. Lorenz:

This is in response to your request dated November 8, 2002, for waiver of the penalty fee charged to Wennes Communications Stations, Inc. (Wennes) for the late payment of its Fiscal FY 2002 regulatory fees, which were due September 25, 2002. You state that you did not learn about the fees until August 29, 2002, because Wennes just purchased the stations for which the fees were assessed, and all correspondence regarding the fees was sent to the address of the previous owner. You also state that you had difficulties getting the assistance you needed from the FCC National Consumer Center regarding the payment of the regulatory fees. Despite these difficulties, however, you state that you mailed the check on September 12 and do not know why the FCC did not receive the check until after September 25.

I regret that your experience with some of the FCC consumer assistance staff was not satisfactory, and I will pass on your concerns to the appropriate Commission officials. Nonetheless, 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. It is the obligation of the licensee responsible for regulatory fee payments 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 Wennes met this obligation. Therefore, your request for waiver of the late charge penalty for late payment of the FY 2002 regulatory fees is denied.

Payment of Wennes' FY 2002 late fee is now due. Payment in the amount of \$406.25 must be submitted together with a copy of Bill # 0318000275 (copy enclosed) within 30 days from the date of this letter.

Casey Lorenz

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Revenue & Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

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

 Mark A. Reger
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure

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Wennes Communications Stations, Inc
213 W. Water Street
Decorah, Iowa 52101
563-382-5845

November 08, 2002

To: Andrew Fishel

From: Casey Lorenz

RE: Penalty for late regulatory

Dear: Mr. Fishel,

I received a bill for \$406.25 for late regulatory fees. I just received this letter and I called the FCC office on November 5, 2002 to find out why I received this bill. I got a run around for three days until I was finally connected to Clodet. She told me "it was for a late payment". I honestly don't know why it was late, because I know I personally cut the check on September 12, 2002 and mailed it out, so it had two weeks to get there. Clodet at FCC told me it was received late. I don't know why that happened, because I know I mailed it out on Sept 12. I was told to write a letter to you if I wanted to dispute this bill.

Mr. Fishel, I would really appreciate it if you could drop these charges for us. I personally will make sure this never happens again. This was a really difficult situation with this bill. Wennes Communications in Decorah, Iowa just purchased these stations from Marathon Media and all the letters and bills were going to Marathon Media in Chicago and they didn't send them on to me. So I didn't know anything about these fees until August 29, 2002. I have copies of letters that were going to Marathon and not to us. I called the number on the letter regarding our regulatory fees and the girls that were helping me were very rude because I didn't have the ID #. I was trying to explain to them that this is a new company and we need to get an ID #. That was a huge mess and finally I got Kathy and she was very nice and very very helpful. She had everything set up in 20 minutes. She walked me thru the steps on the Internet to file for a FRN number and explained to me everything I had to do. You would not believe the trouble I had with the girls at the FCC Forms Distribution Center. The letter I received says if you need additional assistance, please call 888-225-5322 and select option #2. So I did and the lady that I was talking to was a real pain. It was the worst service I ever had. I told her I needed to get some forms filled out for our new company and she said she just couldn't help me. So I asked for someone else and she said no one else could help me and she didn't know what I could do. I really wish some one would listen to our conversation we had because she shouldn't be in customer service. I called Sept 9 at 2:30pm and it should be recorded. Anyway, I just want this whole situation to go away. So, if you could help me in any way I would really appreciate it. Please let me know what you think? Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,


Casey Lorenz
Stations Manager

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ASSOC. MNG. DIR.
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
(ATTN:FO)

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**Federal Communications Commission
BILL FOR COLLECTION**

FOR INQUIRIES CALL
1-202-418-1995
(Revenue & Receivable Ops Group)

Bill Number		Current Bill Date
0318000275		10/17/02
PAYER FRN#	APPLICANT FRN#	
0007603889	0007603889	

Wennes Communications Stations, Inc
213 W. Water Street

Decorah, IA 55101

Payable to:
Federal Communications Commission
Send a copy of this bill to:
Federal Communications Commission
REVENUE & RECEIVABLE OPER.
P.O. BOX 358340
PITTSBURGH, PA 15251-8340

Total Amount Due		Due Date
406.25	Total Amount Due Must Be Received By	11/08/02

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (OPTIONAL)
PAYER FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) REQUIRED
 Assess penalty for late regulatory fee payment not received by 09/25/02

FCN: 0210088835149005 CALL SIGN: KNEIAM

PAYER ADDRESS: Wennes Communications Stations, Inc
213 W. Water Street

Decorah, IA 55101

Please write your bill number on your remittance.
 Please attach a copy of this bill to your payment to ensure proper credit.

PTC	Quantity	Fee Due
0299	1	406.25
Total Due		406.25

Payment Method: Check (Attach)
 Credit Card (Complete Below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VISA | <input type="checkbox"/> Discover |

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I hereby authorize the FCC to charge my Credit Card for the service(s) / authorization(s) herein described.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____