



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
THE CHAIRMAN

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The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

Thank you for your letter regarding the pending transfer of noncommercial broadcast stations from JPR Foundation to Southern Oregon University (SOU). Your views are very important and I appreciate you bringing this issue to my attention.

Let me assure you that Commission staff is actively reviewing this application, and we hope to conclude our review as soon as possible. As part of our review, staff in the Commission's Media Bureau requested required information that was missing from SOU's original assignment application. Staff recently received the last such amendment providing this missing information and is now reviewing the application. This missing information was in large part the reason why this matter has remained pending.

In addition, please note that the application is subject to an objection filed by Ronald Kramer on July 8, 2013. Commission staff must dispense with all objections before moving toward a final resolution. Now that SOU has filed all of the requested amendments to the assignment application, Commission staff is in a position to review the merits of this objection and will do so promptly. While I cannot provide a timeline for when this matter will be resolved, I can assure you it is being actively handled and we will bring this to a resolution as quickly as we can.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Tom Wheeler