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Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
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Status Inquiry for Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR; Assignment BAL-20130514ACN

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing, on behalf of Southern Oregon University (SOU), to request your help in resolving an urgent matter that has been pending at the Commission for almost three years.

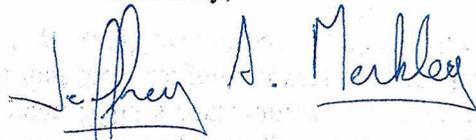
In 2013, the JPR Foundation agreed to donate a number of noncommercial broadcast stations to the State of Oregon, under the stewardship of SOU. That proposed assignment was submitted to the FCC for approval, in May 2013, and remains pending. The Assignment is under the name KJPR, Shasta Lake City, CA. File No. BAL-20130514ACN.

SOU reports that it has actively cooperated with the FCC staff, in clarifying a number of issues while this assignment application has been pending, and in making various requested amendments. During the past year, SOU's communications counsel has received numerous assurances from the FCC staff that the Assignment was ready to be approved by the FCC staff. Nevertheless, the long awaited approval has not been forthcoming.

This delay of almost three years has become an increasing hardship which is costly and disruptive to SOU. That is why your assistance is being requested today. I would appreciate your help in finding out when SOU might expect approval of this pending assignment. If there are any further issues which need resolution with the FCC staff, SOU is prepared to cooperate fully and promptly, but your assistance is needed to bring this matter to a conclusion. Thank you for your help in moving this application forward.

Please let me know if you need any further information or background about this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator