

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 18, 2012

Mr. Robert Castillo
General Manager
Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 1087
Grants, New Mexico 87020

Re: Radio Frequency Interference
EB-12-GB-0029

Dear Mr. Castillo:

On February 13, 2012, the Federal Communications Commission notified Continental Divide that it had received complaints from (name withheld) that equipment operated by your utility might be causing harmful radio interference to his amateur radio equipment. (Name withheld's) contact information is as follows:

Complainant's Physical Location

(Name withheld)

(Address withheld)

(Address withheld)

Tel: (Number withheld)

Complainant's Mailing Address

(Name withheld)

(Address withheld)

(Address withheld)

The February 13, 2012, letter advised Continental Divide that the interference, if unresolved, could be a violation of Commission rules. For this reason, we encouraged Continental Divide to voluntarily resolve the matter without Commission intervention. The letter specifically stated, however, that if it became necessary for the Commission to facilitate a resolution, the Commission might investigate possible rule violations and address appropriate remedies, including monetary forfeitures.¹ To date, Continental Divide has not reported back to the Commission as to the status of the interference matter. Moreover, (name withheld) reports that there has been no reduction in the radio frequency interference.

In order to avoid enforcement action on this matter, you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this letter to respond to this office at the following address: 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. The response must contain a statement of the specific action(s)

¹ Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

taken to identify and eliminate the source(s) of (name withheld's) radio interference. Your response must also include a carbon copy to (name withheld) so that he can confirm any statement that you make regarding resolution of the interference. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 717-338-2577.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.
Special Counsel
Enforcement Bureau

cc: Denver Field Office
Western Regional Director