

**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

October 22, 2012

Mr. Joseph Waltz  
Director of Energy Resources  
Department of Energy Resources  
520 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street #A  
Front Royal, Virginia 22630-4006

**Re: EB-11-GB-0033  
Warning Letter**

Mr. Waltz:

The Federal Communications Commission has been in contact with representatives of your company since July of 2010<sup>1</sup> to inform your company that the Commission had received complaints of harmful radio interference possibly caused by power line equipment maintained by your company.<sup>2</sup> The interference was reported by:

(Name withheld)  
(Address withheld)  
(Address withheld)  
Phone: (Number withheld)

On July 6, 2011, the Commission contacted you again and advised you that the interference, if unresolved, could be a violation of Commission rules. For this reason, we encouraged you 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.<sup>3</sup> Front Royal responded in writing to the July 6, 2011, letter stating that you were unable to locate the source of the interference and indicating that the City would continue to investigate the matter. Since that time, however, the City has not made written contact with this office with an update nor has anyone from the City made telephone contact with this office despite repeated attempts by this office to call the City. Likewise, (name withheld) reports that there has not been any reduction in the radio frequency interference.

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<sup>1</sup> Agents at the FCC's Columbia field office initially spoke with Mr. Jenkins of Front Royal Electric and Mr. Potter of Rappahannock Electric.

<sup>2</sup> While the complainant is not a customer of Rappahannock Electric, his residence is within a short distance of the demarcation line between Rappahannock's territory and that of Front Royal.

<sup>3</sup> Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

In order to avoid enforcement action on this matter, you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this warning 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) taken to identify and eliminate the source(s) of (name withheld) 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: Columbia Field Office  
South Central Regional Director