



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

October 28, 2009

DA 09-2332

Dale D. Rowley
Director
Waldo County Emergency Management Agency
45A Congress St.
Belfast, ME 04915

Dear Mr. Rowley:

This letter grants your request, dated October 28, 2009, on behalf of the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency, for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees who are employees of Waldo County, Maine (the County) to transmit communications on behalf of their employer during an upcoming government emergency drill.

In your request, you state that the County will be participating in the Maine Statewide Emergency Operations Center (EOC) functional exercise from Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. to Friday, October 30, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. You state that this is a statewide exercise to evaluate the execution of sustained EOC operations and improve statewide EOC operations and information sharing during an emergency. You contemplate the operation of an amateur station in Belfast, Maine.

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. You therefore request a waiver of this rule to permit the following amateur licensees, who are employees of the County, to transmit communications on behalf of their employer in connection with the exercise: Gary Daigle, KB1GBD, and Maurice Rothrock, AB1KI.

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the October 29-30 public safety exercise by permitting the specified amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by the above-listed amateur employees on behalf of their employer during the October 29-30, 2009, exercise, and immediately prior to the exercise for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency, dated October 28, 2009, IS GRANTED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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