



Federal Communications Commission
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DA 10-247

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Dear Ms. Cadgene:

This letter grants your request, dated November 25, 2009, and supplemented February 2, 2010, on behalf of the County of Sonoma Department of Health Services for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during upcoming government emergency drills.

In your request, you state that Sonoma County will be holding monthly radio-check disaster preparedness drills on March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8, 2010, from noon to 1:00 p.m. The drills are conducted on a regular basis to test and confirm communication channels and equipment that resides in a number of health care facilities, public health offices, and public safety operation centers. The drills will be held at various locations in Sonoma County.

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 Sonoma County to transmit communications on behalf of their employer in connection with these exercises: Ann Cadgene, KI6TFG; Stephen Rios, KI6DUC; Michael Olson, KI6ZMS; Theresa Lombardi, KI6QCR; and Jeremy Nichols, N6WFO. You also request a similar waiver for amateur licensees listed in your request who are employees of other entities participating in these drills, mostly health care facilities, to transmit on behalf of their employers in connection with these exercises.¹

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 March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8, 2010, public safety exercises 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 amateur licensees listed in your request on behalf of their employers during the March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8, 2010, exercises.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the County of Sonoma Department of Health Services, dated November 25, 2009, IS GRANTED.

¹ The request, including the entire roster, is set forth in the Commission's Universal Licensing System as an attachment under each of the licenses listed above.

County of Sonoma Department of Health Services

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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