



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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DA 10-605

John W. Madden, Director
State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
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Dear Mr. Madden:

This letter grants your request, dated April 5, 2010, on behalf of the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (Alaska) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during an upcoming government emergency drill.

In your request, you state that Alaska will be conducting a statewide disaster preparedness exercise titled Alaska Shield, which will take place from April 26 to May 1, 2010. As part of the exercise objectives, Alaska will utilize amateur radio operators for passing emergency communications traffic from various community emergency managers to the state emergency coordination center.

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 to transmit communications on behalf of their employer in connection with the exercise: for ANMC Hospital, Robert Berger, KL2VA; for University of Alaska Police Department, Peter Summers, KL2GY; for State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security, John Ramsey, KD6YKS, Patrick Tipton, KL0YO, and Glenn Hansen, KL1BR; and for State of Alaska Air National Guard, Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD.

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 April 26 to May 1 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 licensees on behalf of their employer during the April 26 to May 1, 2010 exercise, and on April 19, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, dated April 5, 2010, 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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