

**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 8, 2017

Mr. Charles M. Welch  
(Address withheld)  
(Address withheld)

Re: **Warning Notice**  
Amateur Radio License KG4SFF  
EB-FIELDNER-17-00025463

Dear Mr. Welch:

The trustees of AF4TZ and KC4PRD have requested that you refrain from use of their repeaters. The request to refrain from use of the repeater was issued as a result of your failure to follow operational rules set forth by the licensee/control operator of the repeater systems for their users. You have failed to comply with the request.

The Commission requires that repeaters be under the supervision of a control operator and not only expects, but requires, that such control operators be responsible for the proper operation of the repeater system. Control operators may take whatever steps they deem appropriate to ensure compliance with the repeater rules, including limiting the repeater use to certain users, converting the repeater to a closed repeater or taking it off the air entirely.

Please be advised that the Commission expects you to abide by the request of the trustee and/or control operator that you stay off of AF4TZ and KC4PRD – and any other similar requests to cease operations on any other repeaters by any other repeater licensees, control operators or trustees.

Use of this repeater again after receipt of this letter could subject you to severe penalties, including license revocation, monetary forfeiture (fine)<sup>1</sup> or a modification proceeding to restrict the frequencies upon which you may operate.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.  
Special Counsel  
Spectrum Enforcement Division  
Enforcement Bureau

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<sup>1</sup> Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.