

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 31, 2013

Mr. Tim Thompson
CEO
Lake Region Electric Cooperative
PO Box 127
Hulbert, Oklahoma 74441

Re: EB-FIELDNER-13-00007095
Radio Frequency Interference

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On March 4, 2013, the Federal Communications Commission notified your utility that it had received complaints from Mr. Billy Jones that equipment operated by your utility might be causing harmful interference to his amateur radio equipment. (Name withheld) contact information is as follows:

(Name withheld)
(Address withheld)
Park Hill, OK 74451
Tel: (Number withheld)

The March 4, 2013 letter advised Lake Region Electric Cooperative (Lake Region) that the interference, if unresolved, could be a violation of Commission rules. For this reason, we encouraged Lake Region 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.¹ On June 18th, staff from our local field office was on hand to evaluate the interference and assist Lake Region in identifying and resolving the reported interference. Commission staff provided Lake Region with a list of several sources of possible noise. Lake Region committed to fix those sources and to continue to work with (name withheld) going forward on any additional sources should it become necessary.

According to (name withheld), however, Lake Region had not made any contact with him since June and several new instances of interference have arisen without resolution. Indeed, since the Commission's June visit, no one from Lake Region has been out to (name withheld) residence. Moreover, (name withheld) reports that there has been no reduction in the radio frequency interference.

Given the fact this case has been ongoing for quite some time without resolution and Lake Region has had ample time to locate the instances of interference and make the necessary repairs, you are directed to respond to the undersigned within 30 days of receipt of this letter detailing what steps you have taken to resolve the remaining instances of interference that are

¹ Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

reported as being caused by Lake Region equipment. Please direct your response to the following address: 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325. Should the remaining interference problems not be resolved within those 30 days, Lake Region will be required to provide the undersigned with a status update every two (2) weeks going forward as to what progress, if any, has been made to resolve the matter. 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.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.
Special Counsel
Enforcement Bureau

cc: Dallas Field Office
South Central Regional Director