

Dear Mr. Recktenwald:

I am writing to you on behalf of the staff at Akaku in reference to two important issues. The first is a formal request for an extension of the DCCA deadline for submission of our annual report to the Department and the second is a request for an extension of your August 15 deadline for a complete inventory of PEG Facilities and Equipment and List of PEG Access Services as outlined in your July 12, letter.

As you know, we are currently operating without a CEO in place and although a nationwide search has been completed and finalists have been selected to fill the position, we do not expect the position to be filled for another 30-60 days at the earliest.

Our situation is compounded by the fact that our Special Projects Director, Judy Starbuck who is a central figure in compiling much of the information you require has been absent due to a long illness and subsequent death in her immediate family. She will not be rejoining us until August 10.

We are maintaining our quality level of service even though we are short of staff and funds. We have experienced turnover in our programming department which will necessitate training new staff to meet mission critical needs. We are dealing with serious board governance issues, completing a comprehensive financial audit and are in the middle of a major in-house re-organization of our inventory data base. In addition, the end of our fiscal year was June 30, 2006. July 1-15 financials cannot be completed until accrued bills come in through the middle of August and account balances will invariably change due to accrued bills and depreciation figures on equipment. We have a new accounts manager who is working with all due diligence to master her new position, assume additional administrative responsibility such as grant management as well as respond to the real world management challenges of being shorthanded and short staffed.

The bottom line is that there is a lot of work to do in a limited amount of time and we are working in earnest to honor the Department's requests. The simple reality is that the current time frame is unrealistic if not impossible for us to meet. I would like to request an extension of time to file our annual report as well as provide a complete of PEG Facilities and Equipment and List of PEG Access Services to September 15, 2006

Thank you for the Department's understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

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