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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I apologize for not responding to your earlier letter. Initially, I thought it was one of the many software solicitations received weekly here at our offices. You should be aware that we are not currently anticipating purchase of any privately developed software packages.

While there may be differences in your Airspace package and our in-house developed TOWAIR package, we feel that any difference errs on the side of safety when calculating notice requirements. As the FCC's webpage describing the antenna structure registration process notes, the data used in this processing is imported from the FAA and simply used by TOWAIR to make the determination. Accordingly, you should be aware that any discrepancies regarding the data within TOWAIR is not an error peculiar to the FCC.

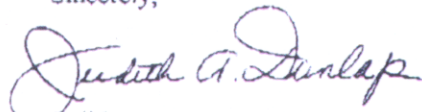
The FCC's webpage states that "if TOWAIR indicates that registration is required but you believe otherwise, you should be prepared to submit appropriate documentation in conjunction with any licensing activity at the site. Alternately, you may wish to register the structure in question."

As you are aware, we recently implemented a new Universal Licensing System (ULS). Schedule D of FCC Form 601 allows applicants to submit supporting documentation in conjunction with licensing applications (see item 6 of Schedule D).

In cases where TOWAIR determination is in question, and the applicant has submitted documentation supporting their own analysis, the FCC does have procedures established to manually review these documentation and "not reject the proponent's application based solely upon the results of TOWAIR".

I hope I have answered your concerns regarding tower clearance procedures here at the FCC. I am available at your convenience to discuss this matter further, if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Judith A. Dunlap, Chief
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