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BY EMAIL

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Mr. J. Mark Rodger
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Dear Mr. Rodger:

**Re: Request to Extend Filing Deadline for
East-West Tie Designation Applications
Board File EB-2011-0140**

This is in response to your letter of November 16, 2012 sent on behalf of four registered transmitters requesting that the Board extend the application filing deadline by three weeks, from Friday, January 4 to Friday, January 25, 2013.

As you are aware, the timetable was set through the Phase 1 decision, which was issued on July 12, 2012. The deadline of January 4, 2013 provided the registered transmitters with almost six months to complete their applications. The decision as to the application deadline arose from the submissions of the parties on this issue. In order to ensure fairness for all parties, the Board considers it important to be rigorous in adhering to the timetable. The parties seeking the extension have offered no reason for the extension other than to address scheduling conflicts over the holiday season. The Board finds that this reason is not sufficient grounds to grant an extension. As the deadline has been known since July 12, 2012, there has been adequate time for the parties to plan the preparation of their application in a way which accommodates the schedules of the relevant individuals.

For the above-noted reasons, the Board will not grant the requested extension and the January 4, 2012 application filing deadline remains unchanged.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

c. All parties in EB-2011-0140