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Subject: Tri-State Public Communications statement to Lakeville Journal on Mike Flint

We met with Mike in late 2010. At that meeting Mike was very outspoken on programming ideas and his own show. At that point we initiated discussions with Mike regarding the possibility of forming a non-profit and taking over management of

CATV6 from Tri-State Public Communications. Over the following months Mike worked with Comcast and his board to develop a plan, using, in part, information supplied by TSPC, such as underwriting and other financial details. A key requirement, not according to TSPC, but to Comcast, was extensive community support. At a Cable Advisory meeting in late-August 2011, Mike stated to the Cable Advisory Board, to Comcast and to TSPC that he had that support. Three days after that CAB meeting two selectmen called to state their opinion that just handing over the access channel to Mike's non-profit was not fair and above board – it should be opened up to other applicants. TSPC then set up a meeting with Doug Humes, Bob Riva and Curtis Rand and separate additional meetings with Pat Mechare of Falls Village and Bob Loucks of Sharon. All expressed the same view. At that point Tri-State contacted Comcast and told them of those meetings. Comcast then informed Tri-State that they too had heard from local and state government officials who serve our area, voicing similar concerns. TSPC, with the full agreement of Comcast, decided to take the proposal off the table.

TSPC met with Mike Flint upon his return from vacation to review the situation and explain why the offer had been withdrawn. In considering how to proceed, TSPC offered to hire staff to help Mike videotape programming, answer phones and provide other assistance he deemed necessary to improve the station. TSPC also agreed to purchase more cameras and computers to aid in developing a better product. At that meeting TSPC also suggested to Mike that this plan go into effect immediately, and after one year, TSPC and Mike's non-profit, would again approach area selectmen for their approval. At that meeting Mike asked if we, Tri-State, would be willing to meet with his board of directors. We agreed, saying that Mondays were the best time for us to meet in the late afternoon. To date we have not heard back from Mike's board of directors.

TSPC has rewired the main control room back to its original specs, to once again provide both tape and live programming abilities. Mike Flint is no longer the manager of CATV6, and after studio reconstruction is complete, we would hope that he will resume his show, as we hope other people will come forward to host shows of their own, as they've done in the past.