

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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KSBH, LLC) Fac. ID 4956
Licensee of KSBH(FM), Coushatta, Louisiana) FRN: 0006722144

ORDER TO PAY OR TO SHOW CAUSE

Adopted: April 8, 2019

Released: April 8, 2019

By the Chief, Media Bureau and the Managing Director, Office of Managing Director:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. By this Order to Pay or to Show Cause, we initiate a proceeding to revoke the license held by KSBH, LLC (KSBH) for KSBH(FM), Coushatta, Louisiana (Station), for failure to pay delinquent regulatory fees and associated interest and penalties owed to the Commission. For the reasons set forth below, we direct KSBH to pay the overdue regulatory fees, including any associated interest, penalties, and charges of collection, or show cause why the payment demanded is inapplicable or should otherwise be waived or deferred.

II. DISCUSSION

2. Under Section 9 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), and the Commission’s rules (Rules), the Commission is required to “assess and collect regulatory fees” to recover the costs of certain regulatory activities.1 When the required payment is received late or is incomplete, the Commission must assess a penalty equal to “25 percent of the amount of the fee that was not paid in a timely manner.”2

3. For fiscal year (FY) 2009, the deadline for paying regulatory fees was September 22, 2009;3 for FY 2011, it was September 16, 2011;4 for FY 2012, it was September 13, 2012;5 for FY 2013, it was September 20, 2013;6 for FY 2014, it was September 23, 2014;7 and for FY 2017, it was September 26, 2017.8 When KSBH failed to pay its regulatory fees by these deadlines, the Commission assessed

1 47 U.S.C. § 159(a); 47 CFR §§ 1.1151-1.1167.

2 47 U.S.C. § 159A(c)(1); 47 CFR §§ 1.1157(c)(1), 1.1164.

3 See Payment Methods and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2009 Regulatory Fees, Public Notice, 24 FCC Rcd 11513 (OMD 2009).

4 See Payment Methods and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2011 Regulatory Fees, Public Notice, 26 FCC Rcd 11371 (OMD 2011).

5 See Reminder That FY 2012 Regulatory Fees Are Due No Later Than September 13, 2012, Eastern Time (ET), Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 10297 (OMD 2012).

6 See Payment Methods and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2013 Regulatory Fees, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 12635 (OMD 2013).

7 See FY 2014 Regulatory Fees Due No Later Than September 23, 2014, 11:59 pm Eastern Time (ET), Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 10414 (OMD 2014).

8 See Payment Methods and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2017 Regulatory Fees, Public Notice, 2017 FCC LEXIS 2779 (2017).

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charges that included the statutory late payment penalty required by the Act⁹ and Sections 1.1157(c)(1) and 1.1164 of the Rules,¹⁰ and interest, penalties, and administrative costs required by Section 3717 of Title 31 of the U.S. Code and Section 1.1940 of the Rules.¹¹

4. As of the date of this Order, KSBH has unpaid regulatory fee debt (including penalties, accrued interest and other charges) of \$1,681.25 for FY 2009, \$1,836.16 for FY 2011, \$2,007.83 for FY 2012, \$2,017.53 for FY 2013; \$1,946.50 for FY 2014; and \$1,897.50 for FY 2017. Additional charges will continue to accrue on these debts until they are paid in full. Demand Letters, which demanded payment of KSBH's delinquent regulatory fees, were previously sent to KSBH.¹² When KSBH did not pay the FY 2009, FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2017 regulatory fee debt, the Commission transferred that debt to the Secretary of the Treasury at the Treasury Department for collection.¹³ At the Commission's request, and in order to consolidate the collection process, the Secretary of the Treasury has returned all of the previously transferred regulatory fee debt to the Commission for further collection.

5. In addition to financial penalties, Section 9A(c)(4) of the Act,¹⁴ and Section 1.1164(f) of the Rules¹⁵ grant the Commission the authority to revoke authorizations for failure to pay regulatory fees (or related interest and penalties) in a timely fashion. Accordingly, we require KSBH to file with the Media Bureau documented evidence within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of this Order that full payment of all outstanding regulatory fee debt has been made in accordance with Section 1.1164(a) of the Rules,¹⁶ or show cause why the payment is inapplicable or should be waived or deferred. KSBH is hereby notified that failure to provide such evidence of payment or to show cause within the time specified may result in revocation of KSBH's license for the Station.

6. Under Section 9A(c)(4)(C) of the Act and Section 1.1164(f) of the Rules,¹⁷ an adjudicatory hearing will not be designated unless KSBH presents a substantial and material question of fact. Further, disposition of any adjudicatory hearing will be based upon written evidence only, and KSBH will bear the burden to introduce evidence and to provide proof in any such hearing.¹⁸

7. To the extent that KSBH is a respondent in other administrative proceedings, both before this agency and other federal agencies, action in this proceeding is without prejudice to action in those

⁹ 47 U.S.C. § 159A(c)(1); 47 U.S.C. § 159A(c)(1) (2017). The RAY BAUM'S Act, Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-141, 132 Stat. 348, 1095, modified Section 9 of the Act and added a new Section 9A. Prior to October 1, 2018, when the RAY BAUM'S Act became effective, Section 9(c)(1) set forth the penalties for late payment of regulatory fees. As amended by the RAY BAUM's Act, Section 9A(c)(1) now sets forth those penalties.

¹⁰ 47 CFR §§ 1.1157(c)(1), 1.1164.

¹¹ 31 U.S.C. § 3717; 47 CFR § 1.1940.

¹² In addition to these Demand Letters, the Bureau notified KSBH of its delinquency in paying the Station's regulatory fees for FY 2009, FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013 and FY 2014. Letter from Peter H. Doyle, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, to Dan Alpert, The Law Office of Dan Alpert (MB dated June 4, 2015).

¹³ See 31 U.S.C. § 3711(g), 31 CFR §§ 285.12(c) & 901.1; 47 CFR § 1.1917.

¹⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 159A(c)(4). As noted, *supra* at n. 9, the RAY BAUM'S Act modified Section 9 of the Act and added a new Section 9A. Prior to October 1, 2018, when the RAY BAUM'S Act became effective, Section 9(c)(3) authorized the Commission to revoke "any instrument of authorization held by any entity that has failed to make payment of a regulatory fee." 47 U.S.C. § 159(c)(3) (2017). As amended by the RAY BAUM's Act, Section 9A(c)(4) now authorizes such action.

¹⁵ 47 CFR § 1.1164(f).

¹⁶ 47 CFR § 1.1164(a).

¹⁷ 47 U.S.C. § 159A(c)(4)(C)(i); 47 CFR § 1.1164(f)(1).

¹⁸ 47 U.S.C. § 159A(c)(4)(C)(ii); 47 CFR § 1.1164(f)(2).

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proceedings. Further, the existence of any such proceedings and matters raised therein are not considered in this proceeding.

III. ORDERING CLAUSES

8. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Section 9A(c)(4) of the Act and Sections 0.61, 0.283, and 1.1164(f) of the Rules,¹⁹ KSBH, LLC, is hereby **ORDERED TO PAY TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION** within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of this Order the outstanding regulatory fees for FY 2009, FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2017, **OR SHOW CAUSE** to the Commission within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of this Order why these regulatory fees are inapplicable or should otherwise be waived or deferred.

9. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that payment of the delinquent regulatory fee debt must be made by wire transfer and must include the FRN referenced above. Additional wire transfer instructions are as follows:

ABA Routing Number 021030004

Receiving Bank:
TREAS NYC
33 Liberty St.
New York, NY 10045

(BNF) Beneficiary: FCC
Account #: 27000001
OBI Field (skip one space between each information item)

KSBH, LLC, must provide the Payer FRN (if different than the FRN referenced above) and a contact phone number.

KSBH, LLC, must fax a copy of the wire transfer confirmation to the FCC at (202) 418-2843 or send the wire transfer confirmation copy to the FCC via email to RROGWireFaxes@fcc.gov on the same day the wire transfer is initiated.

10. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that KSBH, LLC, must submit a completed FCC Form 159 (Remittance Advice) at the time of payment. The FCC Form 159 must be faxed to the FCC at (202) 418-2843. An FCC Form 159 and detailed instructions for completing the form may be obtained at http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Forms_159/159.pdf. When completing the FCC Form 159, KSBH, LLC, must enter its FRN in block number 23A (call sign/other ID) and enter the following payment codes for the fiscal years involved in block number 24A (payment type code): 0950 (for FY 2009), 1150 (for FY 2011), 1250 (for FY 2012), 1350 (for FY 2013), 1450 (for FY 2014), and 1750 (for FY 2017).

¹⁹ 47 U.S.C. § 159A(c)(4); 47 CFR §§ 0.61, 0.283, 1.1164(f).

11. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, to KSBH, LLC, 123 Renee Street, Natchitoches, LA 714578, and its counsel, Dan J. Alpert, 2120 N. 21st Street, Arlington, VA 22201.

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