

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In re Application of
Pirate Media Group, LLC
For Renewal of License for
FM Translator Station W281CH
Washington, North Carolina
Facility ID No. 202560
NAL/Acct. No. MB-201941410013
FRN: 0011046828
File No. 0000087653

ORDER

Adopted: January 13, 2020

Released: January 13, 2020

By the Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau:

1. In this Order, we cancel a Notice of Apparent Liability for a Forfeiture (NAL) issued to Pirate Media Group, LLC (Pirate), licensee of FM translator station W281CH, Washington, North Carolina (Station), for apparently willfully violating section 73.3539 of the Commission's rules (Rules) by failing to timely file a license renewal application for the Station.

2. The NAL correctly noted that the deadline for filing applications for renewal of radio stations licensed to communities in North Carolina and South Carolina was August 1, 2019, the first day of the fourth full calendar month prior to the Station's December 1, 2019, license expiration date. However, it overlooked the fact that the Commission first issued a license for the Station on September 11, 2019. It was, therefore, impossible for Pirate to file an application to renew the Station's license by the August 1, 2019, deadline. Given this and the fact that Pirate filed a renewal application prior to expiration of the Station's license, we find that cancellation of the NAL is appropriate.

3. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 504(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.283, and 1.80(f)(4) of the Commission's rules, the Notice of Apparent Liability for a Forfeiture (NAL/Acct. No. MB-201941410013) issued to Pirate Media Group, LLC, IS CANCELLED.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that copies of this Order shall be sent by First Class and Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to Pirate Radio Group, LLC, PO Box 3333, Greenville, NC

1 Pirate Media Group, LLC, File No. 0000087653, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, DA 19-1284 (MB Dec. 19., 2019).

2 Id. at para. 2, citing 47 CFR §§ 73.1020, 73.3539(a).

3 Broadcast Actions, Public Notice, Report No. 49572, at 12 (MB Sept. 16, 2019).

4 47 U.S.C. § 504(b).

5 47 CFR §§ 0.61, 0.283, 1.80(f)(4).

27836, and to its counsel, Coe W. Ramsey, Esq., Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP, 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1700, Raleigh, NC 27601.

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