

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

In the Matter of

Skyhigh Tech LLC

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File No.: EB-SED-26-00040755
NAL/Acct No.: 202632100007
FRN: 0036216083

NOTICE OF APPARENT LIABILITY FOR FORFEITURE AND ORDER

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By the Chief, Enforcement Bureau:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In this Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL), the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) proposes a penalty of \$25,000 against Skyhigh Tech LLC (Skyhigh Tech or Company) for apparently willfully failing to respond to the Enforcement Bureau's (Bureau) Letter of Inquiry (LOI) as directed. Specifically, Skyhigh Tech failed to respond to an LOI requesting information about whether the Company has indirectly or directly marketed within the United States any radiofrequency (RF) equipment that was added to the Covered List on December 22, 2025, as posing an "unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the safety and security of United States persons."¹ Accordingly, Skyhigh Tech apparently violated a Commission order by failing to respond to the Bureau's LOI as directed and to a subsequent letter directing Skyhigh Tech to reply to the LOI. Skyhigh Tech thus is subject to a proposed forfeiture under section 503(b)(1)(B) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act).²

2. The FCC is committed to protecting consumers in the United States and mitigating national security risks that may arise from certain entities that market RF equipment. Regulation of RF devices is a key Commission responsibility. Applicants for equipment authorizations are required to conduct due diligence in providing information to the Commission and its designees. To facilitate this process, the Commission requires that all parties abide by the Commission's equipment authorization rules and provide full and correct information about the party's mailing address and the physical U.S. address and email address for its designated agent. Additionally, the Commission has a duty to investigate allegations involving potential statutory and regulatory violations and will not tolerate a failure to respond to investigative inquiries, particularly when an investigation may involve risks to national security. Instead, investigated parties must reply promptly and fully to Commission inquiries and provide all responsive information in their possession and control so the Commission can ascertain whether consumers are being protected and the nation's networks remain secure in accordance with statutory requirements and associated Commission rules.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Legal Framework

3. *Commission's equipment authorization authority.* The Act authorizes the Commission to adopt rules, consistent with the "public interest," governing the interference potential of devices capable

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 1601(b).

² See 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(B).

of emitting RF energy.³ The statute prohibits the manufacture, importation, sale, offer for sale, shipment, or use of RF devices in the United States unless they comply with the Commission's equipment authorization rules.⁴

4. *Failure to respond to an LOI.* The Commission's authority to conduct investigations and to compel entities to provide information and documents sought during investigations is well-established.⁵ Section 403 gives the Commission full authority to commence an investigation on its own motion and the "power to make and enforce any order or orders in the case" relating to the inquiry.⁶ An LOI issued by the Bureau constitutes a Commission order directing the recipient to provide the specified information and documents, in the manner directed, within the stated response period.⁷ The Commission has repeatedly taken enforcement action against entities that disregard orders to provide information related to potential violations.⁸

5. *National security considerations.* Pursuant to section 2 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (Secure Networks Act), the Commission must publish and update a "Covered List" of communications equipment and services.⁹ The FCC's Covered List is comprised of equipment and services that have been specifically determined, by one of four enumerated sources,¹⁰ to pose an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of United

³ 47 U.S.C. § 302a(a).

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 302a(b).

⁵ Section 403 grants the Commission both the authority to institute inquiries and "the power to make and enforce any order or orders" relating to its inquiries into compliance with the Act. 47 U.S.C. § 403. Section 4(i) authorizes the Commission to "issue such orders, not inconsistent with this Act, as may be necessary in the execution of its functions." 47 U.S.C. § 154(i). Section 4(j) states that "[t]he Commission may conduct its proceedings in such manner as will best conduce to the proper dispatch of business and to the ends of justice." 47 U.S.C. § 154(j). Section 0.111(a)(17) of the Commission's rules delegates this authority to the Bureau. 47 CFR § 0.111(a)(17) (granting the Bureau the authority to "[i]dentify and analyze complaint information, conduct investigations, conduct external audits and collect information, including pursuant to sections 218, 220, 308(b), 403 and 409(e) through (k) of the Communications Act, in connection with complaints, on its own initiative or upon request of another Bureau or Office"). Furthermore, section 416(c) of the Act provides, "[i]t shall be the duty of every person . . . to observe and comply with such orders so long as the same shall remain in effect." 47 U.S.C. § 416(c).

⁶ 47 U.S.C. § 403.

⁷ See, e.g., *Eken Group Limited*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 39 FCC Rcd 12990, 12994, para. 10 (2024), citing *Neon Phone Service, Inc.*, 32 FCC Rcd 7964, 7970, para. 16 (2017) (*Eken NAL*) ("It is well established that a failure to respond to a Bureau LOI [letter of inquiry] constitutes a violation of a Commission Order."); *Technical Communication Network, LLC*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 1018, 1019, para. 5 (2013) ("The LOI the Bureau directed to TCN served as a legal order of the Commission to produce the requested documents and information.").

⁸ *Eken NAL*, 39 FCC Rcd at 12990; *ABC Fulfillment Servs. LLC d/b/a Hobbyking USA LLC & Hobbyking.com*, Forfeiture Order, 35 FCC Rcd 7441 (2020), *aff'd*, Memorandum and Order, 36 FCC Rcd 10688 (2021); *Aura Holdings of Wisconsin, Inc.*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 33 FCC Rcd 3688, 3696, para. 21 (2018), *forfeiture order issued*, 34 FCC Rcd 2540 (2019); *Kenai Educational Media, Inc.*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 32 FCC Rcd. 6211, 6218 (2017) (*Kenai NAL*), *consent decree ordered*, 24 FCC Rcd 4865 (2019); *SBC Commc'ns, Inc.*, Forfeiture Order, 17 FCC Rcd 7589, 7599-7600, paras. 23-28 (2002) (*SBC Forfeiture Order*); *Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 37 FCC Rcd 7799, para. 13 (EB 2022); *Net One Int'l, Net One, LLC, Farrahtel Int'l, LLC*, Forfeiture Order, 29 FCC Rcd 264, 267, para. 9 (EB 2014), *recons. denied*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 1021 (EB 2015).

⁹ Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-124, § 2, 133 Stat. 158, 158-59 (2020) (codified as amended at 47 U.S.C. § 1601); see 47 CFR §§ 1.50002, 1.50003.

¹⁰ See 47 CFR § 1.50001(b).

States persons.¹¹ On December 22, 2025, after receiving a “National Security Determination”¹² from an interagency body with appropriate national security expertise, the Commission’s Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) updated the Covered List to include “Uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) and UAS critical components produced in a foreign country and all communications and video surveillance equipment and services listed in Section 1709(a)(1) of the FY25 National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 118-159) (FY25 NDAA).”¹³ In January 2026, in response to further determinations by the Department of War (DoW), PSHSB removed certain UAS and UAS critical components from the Covered List temporarily through January 2027; the removals applied to equipment on the Defense Contract Management Agency’s (DCMA) Blue UAS Cleared List and to equipment qualifying as “domestic end products” under the Buy American standard.¹⁴ PSHSB later removed specific models of covered UAS and UAS critical components from the Covered List pursuant to Conditional Approvals granted by DoW for limited time periods.¹⁵

6. The Commission has a statutory obligation to regulate the nation’s communications infrastructure for, among other things, the purpose of national defense.¹⁶ Given the Commission’s role in protecting the communications networks from the national security risks covered equipment and services pose, it is uniquely imperative that regulatees respond to Commission orders.¹⁷ Failure to do so obstructs the Commission’s ability to investigate and, where appropriate, address these risks to national security.

B. Factual Background

7. *Company and products sold in the United States.* Skyhigh Tech is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware manufacturing uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS)—also known as drones—in the United States.¹⁸ The Company’s UAS model, Talos T60X and remote controller, can be purchased through various online retailers.¹⁹ Because Skyhigh Tech did not respond to

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² See 47 U.S.C. § 1601(c).

¹³ *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces Addition of Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS) and UAS Critical Components Produced Abroad, and Equipment and Services Listed in Section 1709 of the FY2025 NDAA, to FCC Covered List*, WC Docket No. 18-89, ET Docket No. 21-232, EA Docket No. 21-233, Public Notice, 40 FCC Red 10215, 10218 (PSHSB Dec. 22, 2025) (UAS December Public Notice). A summary of this National Security Determination is available on the Commission’s website at <https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/National-Security-Determination-for-UAS.pdf> (Dec. 21, 2025).

¹⁴ *Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces Exemption of Certain Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS) and UAS Critical Components from FCC Covered List*, WC Docket No. 18-89, Public Notice, DA 26-22 (Jan. 7, 2026) (Second UAS Public Notice).

¹⁵ For a full list of the conditional approvals, see FCC, *List of Equipment and Services Covered by Section 2 of the Secure Networks Act*, <https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist> (last visited June 10, 2026).

¹⁶ 47 U.S.C. § 151.

¹⁷ After all, as the Commission has repeatedly stated, “[i]t is obvious and unarguable that no governmental interest is more compelling than the security of the Nation.” See, e.g., *Protecting Our Communications Networks by Promoting Transparency Regarding Foreign Adversary Control*, GN Docket No. 25-166, Report and Order, para. 101, (Jan. 29, 2026) (quoting *Haig v. Agee*, 453 U.S. 280, 307 (1981)).

¹⁸ See State of Delaware, Department of State; Division of Corporations, <https://icis.corp.delaware.gov/ecorp/entitysearch/NameSearch.aspx> (last visited June 15, 2026); Skyhigh Tech LLC, The Global Leader in Drone OEM Solutions, <https://www.skyhigh-us.com/> (last visited June 15, 2026),

¹⁹ See Talos Drones, <https://talosdrones.com/> (last visited June 15, 2026); Accurate Ag Drones, America’s Premier DJI Agras Drone Partner, <https://accurateagdrones.com/> (last visited June 15, 2026); TerraXplore, Official DJI Distributor, <https://terra-xplore.com/> (last visited June 15, 2026); AcuSpray Dron Sales, <https://sales.acuspray.com/> (last visited June 15, 2026); Drone Spray Pro, <https://dronespraypro.com/> (last visited June 15, 2026).

the Commission's LOI, the Commission does not have access to precise information about the manner in which Skyhigh Tech has marketed its equipment within the United States, including its marketing platforms and venues, the number of Skyhigh Tech products sold or when the models were marketed in the United States.

8. *Skyhigh Tech's address of record.* Skyhigh Tech applied for²⁰ and received two FCC authorizations since April 25, 2025.²¹ For each application, the Company submitted a "United States Designated Agent Letter"²² identifying Christina Xu as the agent for service of process in the United States.²³ The *Designated Agent Letter* listed 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801 as the address for service of process and also identified this as the Company's physical address in the United States.²⁴ The *Designated Agent Letter* also included the email address – ccertification@skyhigh-us.com – for its U.S. agent for service of process. The *Designated Agent Letter* was signed by Christina Xu, Project Manager.²⁵

9. The *Designated Agent Letter* also included the following acknowledgement (identical for FCC IDs 2BLZI-T60X2411 and 2BLZI-YKBP22411) acknowledging Skyhigh Tech's acceptance of its continuing obligation to maintain an agent for service:

We, Skyhigh Tech LLC understand and acknowledge the applicants consent and the designated agent's obligation to accept service of process in the United States for matters related to the applicable equipment, and at the physical U.S. address and e-mail of the designated agent listed above.

We, Skyhigh Tech LLC acknowledge the applicant's acceptance of its obligation to maintain an agent for service of process in the United States for no less than one year after either the grantee has permanently terminated all marketing and importation of the applicable equipment within the U.S., or the conclusion of any Commission-related administrative or judicial proceeding involving the equipment, whichever is later.²⁶

²⁰ Skyhigh Tech LLC, Application for Equipment Authorization (FCC Form 731) (April 25, 2025), (seeking authorization for Talos T60X, FCC ID: 2BLZI-T60X2411); Skyhigh Tech LLC, Application for Equipment Authorization (FCC Form 731) (April 25, 2025), (seeking authorization for YKBP2, FCC ID: 2BLZI-YKBP22411) (collectively, *Skyhigh Tech's Applications*).

²¹ See Skyhigh Tech LLC, Grant of Equipment Authorization (April 25, 2025), https://apps.fcc.gov/oetcf/tcb/reports/Tcb731GrantForm.cfm?mode=COPY&RequestTimeout=500&tcb_code=&application_id=ERV0JteG2MqC%2Fpyq4oaAbg%3D%3D&fcc_id=2BLZI-T60X2411 (granting authorization for Talos T60X, FCC ID: 2BLZI-T60X2411); Skyhigh Tech LLC, Grant of Equipment Authorization (April 25, 2025) https://apps.fcc.gov/oetcf/tcb/reports/Tcb731GrantForm.cfm?mode=COPY&RequestTimeout=500&tcb_code=&application_id=agmMB4jJTP7YuncbEfC28Q%3D%3D&fcc_id=2BLZI-YKBP22411 (granting authorization for YKBP2, FCC ID 2BLZI-YIBP22411) (collectively, *Skyhigh Tech's Authorizations*).

²² See United States Designated Agent Letter from Christina Xu, Project Manager, Skyhigh Tech LLC, to FCC Authorization and Evaluation Division (Mar. 7, 2025) (acknowledging the designated agent's obligation to accept service of process and listing contact information) (*Designated Agent Letter*).

²³ See 47 CFR § 2.911(d)(7) (requiring an applicant for equipment authorizations to designate an agent located in the United States for the purpose of accepting service of process).

²⁴ See *Designated Agent Letter*.

²⁵ See *id.*

²⁶ See *id.*

This same physical address and Christina Xu's name appear on each of the certifications issued to Skyhigh Tech, and this same physical address appears on the test reports that Skyhigh Tech submitted to support its application for the device certifications.²⁷

10. *Investigative history.* In September 2025, the website, DroneXL, published an article²⁸ that linked to a GitHub repository in which security researcher Konrad Iturbe developed an automated system to detect hardware copies of certain communications and video surveillance equipment listed in Section 1709 of the FY25 NDAA—equipment that would become covered communications equipment in December when the Commission updated the Covered List.²⁹ Iturbe's system searched for devices that used a unique proprietary communication protocol and identified that Skyhigh Tech's devices incorporated the same unique proprietary protocol used in the now-covered equipment.³⁰

11. The Bureau opened an investigation and issued an LOI to Skyhigh Tech on May 8, 2026.³¹ The LOI stated the Bureau was investigating potential violations of 47 U.S.C. § 302a ("Devices which interfere with radio reception") and 47 CFR parts 1 and 2 ("Practice and Procedure" and "Frequency allocations and radio treaty matters; General rules and regulations") and requested information to determine whether Skyhigh Tech's equipment was disguised covered equipment. Specifically, the LOI stated that the Bureau was investigating "whether models of RF equipment marketed by the Company within the United States comply with recently enacted regulations."³² The LOI also directed the Company to provide a voucher for certain equipment "to determine the extent to which production of such equipment continues to comply with the data filed by the applicant or on file with the responsible party for equipment subject to Supplier's Declaration of Conformity."³³ The LOI stated that Skyhigh Tech had a continuing obligation to produce any and all documents and information responsive to the LOI.³⁴ The LOI also ordered Skyhigh Tech to provide a response within 14 calendar days after the date of the LOI, i.e., by May 22, 2026.³⁵

12. On May 8, 2026, the Bureau transmitted the LOI by certified mail to the U.S. address for Skyhigh Tech's designated U.S. agent for service of process, which is the same physical address the Company provided for itself. On the same day, the Bureau also served the LOI by email to the email address specified in Skyhigh Tech's applications for its designated U.S. agent, i.e., ccertification@skyhigh-us.com—the same email address that appears in the Company's application materials. The Bureau received confirmation that the emailed LOI was delivered to the Company's email address filed with the Commission.³⁶ The return receipt for the LOI sent by certified mail shows that the

²⁷ See *Skyhigh Tech's Authorizations*.

²⁸ DroneXL, *DJI Shell Game Exposed: Security Bot Catches DJI's Fikaxo Proxy Before Congressional Deadline* (Sept. 26, 2025), <https://dronexl.co/2025/09/26/dji-shell-game-exposed-fikaxo-proxy/> (last visited June 15, 2026); see also DroneXL, *Spatial Hover Emerges as Newest DJI Shell Company After Fikaxo Drone Mysteriously Migrates Between Websites*, <https://dronexl.co/2025/10/03/spatial-hover-dji-shell-company-after-fikaxo-drone/> (last visited June 15, 2026).

²⁹ GitHub, *KonradIT / dji-front-companies*, <https://github.com/KonradIT/dji-front-companies> (last visited June 15, 2026). See also UAS December Public Notice.

³⁰ *Id.*

³¹ Letter of Inquiry from Spectrum Enforcement Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, to Skyhigh Tech LLC, c/o Christina Xu, U.S. Agent for Service of Process (on file in File No. EB-SED-26-00040755) (Skyhigh Tech LOI).

³² Skyhigh Tech LOI at 2.

³³ *Id.*; 47 CFR § 2.945(b)(1).

³⁴ Skyhigh Tech LOI at 6.

³⁵ *Id.* at 2.

³⁶ See Email Delivery Receipt, May 8, 2026 (on file in File No. EB-SED-26-00040755).

LOI was delivered and stamped “RECEIVED” on May 12, 2026. Despite the emailed copy of the LOI having been delivered and the mailed copy of the LOI having been received, the Bureau did not receive a timely response to the LOI.

13. On May 29, 2026, the Bureau notified Skyhigh Tech of its failure to respond to the LOI and instructed it to provide a full response to the LOI within seven calendar days (i.e., by June 5, 2026).³⁷ The Bureau received confirmation that the emailed Deficiency Letter was delivered to the Company’s email address filed with the Commission³⁸ and that the copy of the Deficiency Letter sent by certified mail was delivered to Skyhigh Tech.³⁹ To date, the Bureau still has received no response to the LOI or the Bureau’s Deficiency Letter.

III. DISCUSSION

14. We find that Skyhigh Tech apparently willfully or repeatedly violated a Commission order by failing to respond to the Bureau’s LOI. This apparent violation is punishable by a forfeiture under section 503(b)(1)(B) of the Act.⁴⁰ For the apparent violation at issue here, the Bureau proposes a forfeiture of \$25,000.

A. Skyhigh Tech Apparently Violated Commission Orders by Failing to Respond Timely to a Letter of Inquiry.

15. Section 503(b)(1)(B) of the Act, in part, provides that a person who willfully or repeatedly fails to comply with a Commission rule or order shall be liable for a forfeiture penalty.⁴¹ A Commission LOI is an “order” under section 503(b)(1)(B).⁴² Accordingly, recipients that fail to respond or fail to provide a complete response to a Commission LOI may be subject to a monetary forfeiture penalty.⁴³ Here, the Bureau issued the LOI on May 8, 2026, in which it directed Skyhigh Tech to respond in 14 days, i.e., by May 22, 2026. The Commission sent the LOI to both the physical U.S. address through certified mail and the email address Skyhigh Tech had specified as its U.S. agent for service of process. The LOI stated the continuing nature of Skyhigh Tech’s obligations to respond.⁴⁴ The Bureau received confirmation that the emailed LOI was delivered on May 8, 2026.⁴⁵ Having not received a timely response from Skyhigh Tech, on May 29, 2026, the Bureau issued the Deficiency Letter.⁴⁶ The

³⁷ Letter from Spectrum Enforcement Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, to Skyhigh Tech, LLC, c/o Christina Xu, U.S. Agent for Service of Process (on file in EB-SED-26-00040755) (Deficiency Letter).

³⁸ See Email Delivery Receipt, May 29, 2026 (on file in EB-SED-26-00040755).

³⁹ See United States Postal Service Domestic Return Receipt, June 2, 2026.

⁴⁰ 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(B).

⁴¹ *Id.*

⁴² See, e.g., *Neon*, 32 FCC Rcd at 7970, para. 16 (2017) (“It is well established that a failure to respond to a Bureau LOI [letter of inquiry] constitutes a violation of a Commission Order.”); *Technical Communication Network, LLC*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 1018, 1019, para. 5 (2013) (“The LOI the Bureau directed to TCN served as a legal order of the Commission to produce the requested documents and information.”).

⁴³ See *supra* para. 4.

⁴⁴ Skyhigh Tech LOI at 6, 10 (stating that Skyhigh Tech had a “continuing obligation to supplement its responses” and further stating the “*Continuing Nature of Inquiries*. The specific Inquiries made herein are continuing in nature.”).

⁴⁵ See Email Delivery Receipt, May 8, 2026 (on file in EB-SED-26-00040755).

⁴⁶ See Deficiency Letter.

Bureau received confirmation that the emailed Deficiency Letter was delivered to Skyhigh Tech on May 29, 2026.⁴⁷ To this day, the Commission has not received any response from Skyhigh Tech to the LOI.

16. The public and national security interest implications of failing to respond to this LOI are significant. The Commission has delegated authority to the Bureau to request information, and the failure to respond or provide a complete response hinders the Bureau's ability to investigate and therefore fundamentally affects the Bureau's ability to operate.⁴⁸ This is particularly concerning when, as is the case here, the Bureau's investigation relates to an LOI target's potential covert marketing of equipment that has been determined to "pose an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the safety and security of United States persons."⁴⁹ Accordingly, we find that Skyhigh Tech apparently willfully violated a Commission order by failing to respond to the LOI.

B. Proposed Forfeiture

17. Section 503(b) of the Act authorizes the Commission to impose a forfeiture against any entity that "willfully or repeatedly fail[s] to comply with any of the provisions of [the Act] or of any rule, regulation, or order issued by the Commission[.]"⁵⁰ Here, section 503(b)(2)(D), as implemented by section 1.80(b)(10) of the Commission's rules, authorizes us to assess a forfeiture against Skyhigh Tech of up to \$25,132 for each day of a continuing violation, up to a statutory maximum of \$188,491 for a single act or failure to act.⁵¹ In exercising our forfeiture authority, we must consider the "nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation and, with respect to the violator, the degree of culpability, any history of prior offenses, ability to pay, and such other matters as justice may require."⁵² In addition, the Commission has established forfeiture guidelines that set forth base penalties for certain violations and identify criteria that we consider when determining the appropriate penalty in any given case.⁵³ Under these guidelines, we may adjust a forfeiture upward for violations that are egregious, intentional, or repeated, or that cause substantial harm or generate substantial economic gain for the violator.⁵⁴ We may adjust a forfeiture downward for violations that are minor, good faith or voluntary disclosure of violations, where there is a history of compliance, or where there is an inability to pay.⁵⁵

18. For Skyhigh Tech's failure to respond to the LOI and the Deficiency Letter, section 1.80(b) of the Commission's rules sets a base forfeiture amount of \$4,000 for each violation for failure to

⁴⁷ See Email Delivery Receipt, May 29, 2026 (on file in EB-SED-26-00047055).

⁴⁸ See *supra* para. 6.

⁴⁹ 47 U.S.C. § 1601(b).

⁵⁰ 47 U.S.C. § 503(b).

⁵¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(2)(D); 47 CFR § 1.80(b)(10) (setting the current inflation adjusted statutory maximum for a violation of 47 U.S.C. § 503 (b)(2)(D) at \$188,491). See *Amendment of Section 1.80(b) of the Commission's Rules, Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties to Reflect Inflation*, Order, 40 FCC Rcd 25 (EB 2025).

⁵² 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(2)(E).

⁵³ 47 CFR § 1.80(b)(11), Table 3 and Note 2.

⁵⁴ *Id.* § 1.80 (b)(11), Table 3 to Paragraph (b)(11)—Adjustment Criteria for Section 503 Forfeitures; *The Commission's Forfeiture Policy Statement and Amendment of Section 1.80 of the Rules to Incorporate the Forfeiture Guidelines, Report and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd 17087, 17098, para. 22 (1997) (*Forfeiture Policy Statement*), recons. denied, 15 FCC Rcd 303 (1999) (noting that "[a]lthough we have adopted the base forfeiture amounts as guidelines to provide a measure of predictability to the forfeiture process, we retain our discretion to depart from the guidelines and issue forfeitures on a case-by-case basis, under our general forfeiture authority contained in Section 503 of the Act").

⁵⁵ 47 CFR § 1.80 (b)(11), Table 3 to Paragraph (b)(11).

respond to Commission communications.⁵⁶ However, we have previously proposed penalties for failure to respond that far exceeded the \$4,000 base forfeiture, including cases in which the targets answered some of the LOI questions, but failed to answer them completely or provide all of the required information.⁵⁷ Under Commission and Bureau precedent, failure to respond to a Commission order is a continuing violation until cured.⁵⁸

19. Given the totality of the circumstances, and consistent with the *Forfeiture Policy Statement*, we conclude that an upward adjustment to a total proposed forfeiture of \$25,000 is warranted here because Skyhigh Tech's conduct appears egregious, intentional, and continuous.⁵⁹ The Commission requires equipment authorization holders to maintain an agent for service of process to ensure it may contact authorization holders. The Bureau issued the LOI and Deficiency letter to both the email address and U.S. Postal mailing address on record. Skyhigh Tech has failed to respond to the Bureau's LOI, despite the Bureau receiving confirmation that the LOI was successfully delivered to the e-mail address on record, and received by the U.S. Postal mailing address on record, and despite Skyhigh Tech's receipt of the Bureau's Deficiency Letter. This continues to prevent the Bureau from investigating the serious national security risks described in the LOI, as well as potential rule violations. As we have noted in previous cases involving a failure to respond to FCC inquiries, "[m]isconduct of this type exhibits contempt for the Commission's authority[] and threatens to compromise the Commission's ability to adequately investigate violations of its rules."⁶⁰

20. Pursuant to Section 1.80, we also consider whether there is any basis for a downward adjustment of the proposed forfeiture.⁶¹ Compromising the Commission's ability to investigate potential

⁵⁶ 47 CFR § 1.80(b)(11), Table 1.

⁵⁷ See *Message Communications*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 29 FCC Rcd 8214, 8217 para.11 (EB 2014) (citing *Google, Inc.*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 27 FCC Rcd 4012 (EB 2012)) (*Message Communications NAL*). See also *Fox Television Stations, Inc.*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 25 FCC Rcd 7074 (EB 2010).

⁵⁸ *Onda Mexicana Radio Group, Inc.*, Licensee of AM Station WWFL, Clermont, FL, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 527, 530, para. 8 (EB 2014) (ongoing failure to respond to an NOV can be a continuing violation); *Message Communications*, 29 FCC Rcd at 8217-18, para. 12 (noting company's willful disregard of its obligation to comply with LOI continued unabated and that such failure to respond to FCC inquiries is misconduct that "exhibits contempt for the Commission's authority, and threatens to compromise the Commission's ability to adequately investigate violations of its rules."); see also *ADMA Telecom, Inc.*, Forfeiture Order, 26 FCC Rcd 4152, 4155, para. 8 (2011) (construing a carrier's failure to file a required document (a Form 499) with the Commission as a continuing violation until cured); *Google Inc.*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 27 FCC Rcd 4012, 4033, para. 50 (EB 2012) (Google's failures to provide information in response to LOI were continuing violations that lasted until cured); *LDC Telecomm., Inc.*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order, 27 FCC Rcd 300, 302, para. 8 (EB 2012) (characterizing LDC's failure to respond to the Bureau's LOI as "continuous"); *Net One Int'l*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 16493, 16496, para. 9 (EB 2011) (advising Net One that its failure "to respond fully to the LOI within ten days of the date of this NAL ... may constitute an additional, continuing violation"); *1st Source Info. Specialists, Inc.*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 21 FCC Rcd 8193, 8196-97, para. 13 (2006) (characterizing a data broker's failure to respond fully to a Bureau subpoena and a citation the Bureau issued based on that failure as a continuing violation), *forfeiture ordered*, Forfeiture Order, 22 FCC Rcd 431 (2007).

⁵⁹ See, e.g., *Kenai NAL*, 32 FCC Rcd at 2618-19 (applying an upward adjustment for a continuing violation following a failure to respond to communications from the Commission); see also *Net One International, Net One LLC, Farrahtel International, LLC*, 26 FCC Rcd 16493 (EB 2011) (*Net One NAL*), *forf. ordered*, Order of Forfeiture, 29 FCC Rcd 264 (EB 2014), *recon. denied*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 1021 (EB 2015).

⁶⁰ *Message Communications*, 29 FCC Rcd at 8218, para. 12 (citing *Net One NAL* 26 FCC Rcd at 16495, para. 7).

⁶¹ 47 CFR § 1.80(b)(11), Table 3.

national security risks is anything but a minor violation, and there is nothing in the record that meets any other criteria that would warrant a downward reduction. Accordingly, Skyhigh Tech's failure to respond to the Bureau's LOI in the circumstances presented here warrants an upward adjustment for a total proposed forfeiture of \$25,000.

21. We also direct Skyhigh Tech to respond fully to the LOI within ten (10) calendar days of the date of this NAL. Failure to do so may constitute an additional, continuing violation subjecting the Company to future enforcement action.

IV. CONCLUSION

22. We have determined that Skyhigh Tech apparently willfully or repeatedly failed to respond to an agency order. As such, Skyhigh Tech is apparently liable for a forfeiture of \$25,000.

V. ORDERING CLAUSES

23. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to section 503(b) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 503(b), and sections 0.111, 0.311, and 1.80 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.111, 0.311, 1.80, Skyhigh Tech LLC is hereby **NOTIFIED** of this **APPARENT LIABILITY FOR A FORFEITURE** in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for willful or repeated violations of an agency order.

24. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to section 1.80 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.80, within thirty (30) calendar days of the release date of this Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, Skyhigh Tech LLC **SHALL PAY** the full amount of the proposed forfeiture or **SHALL FILE** a written statement seeking reduction or cancellation of the proposed forfeiture consistent with paragraph 28 below.

25. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, Skyhigh Tech LLC **SHALL FULLY RESPOND**, not later than ten (10) calendar days from the release date of this NAL, to the Bureau's letter of inquiry dated May 8, 2026, in accordance with the delivery instructions set forth therein.

26. In order for Skyhigh Tech LLC to pay the proposed forfeiture, Skyhigh Tech LLC shall notify the Spectrum Enforcement Division, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission at EB-SED-Response@fcc.gov of its intent to pay, whereupon an invoice will be posted in the Commission's Registration System (CORES) at <https://apps.fcc.gov/core/userLogin.do>. Upon payment, Skyhigh Tech LLC shall send electronic notification of payment to the Spectrum Enforcement Division at EB-SED-Response@fcc.gov on the date said payment is made. Payment of the forfeiture must be made by credit card using CORES at <https://apps.fcc.gov/core/userLogin.do>, ACH (Automated Clearing House) debit from a bank account, or by wire transfer from a bank account. The Commission no longer accepts forfeiture payments by check or money order. Below are instructions that payors should follow based on the form of payment selected:⁶²

- Payment by wire transfer must be made to ABA Number 021030004, receiving bank TREAS/NYC, and Account Number 27000001. In the OBI field, enter the FRN(s) captioned above and the letters "FORF". In addition, a completed Form 159⁶³ or printed CORES form⁶⁴ must be faxed to the Federal Communications Commission at 202-418-2843 or e-mailed to RROGWireFaxes@fcc.gov on the same business day the wire transfer is initiated. Failure to provide all required information in Form 159 or CORES may result in payment not being

⁶² For questions regarding payment procedures, please contact the Financial Operations Group Help Desk by phone at 1-877-480-3201 (option #6).

⁶³ FCC Form 159 is accessible at <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/fcc-remittance-advice-form-159>.

⁶⁴ Information completed using the Commission's Registration System (CORES) does not require the submission of an FCC Form 159. CORES is accessible at <https://apps.fcc.gov/core/userLogin.do>.

recognized as having been received. When completing FCC Form 159 or CORES, enter the Account Number in block number 23A (call sign/other ID), enter the letters “FORF” in block number 24A (payment type code), and enter in block number 11 the FRN(s) captioned above (Payor FRN).⁶⁵ For additional detail and wire transfer instructions, go to <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/wire-transfer>.

- Payment by credit card must be made by using CORES at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>. To pay by credit card, log-in using the FCC Username associated to the FRN captioned above. If payment must be split across FRNs, complete this process for each FRN. Next, select “Manage Existing FRNs | FRN Financial | Bills & Fees” from the CORES Menu, then select FRN Financial and the view/make payments option next to the FRN. Select the “Open Bills” tab and find the bill number associated with the NAL Acct. No. The bill number is the NAL Acct. No. with the first two digits excluded (e.g., NAL 1912345678 would be associated with FCC Bill Number 12345678). After selecting the bill for payment, choose the “Pay by Credit Card” option. Please note that there is a \$24,999.99 limit on credit card transactions.
- Payment by ACH must be made by using CORES at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>. To pay by ACH, log in using the FCC Username associated to the FRN captioned above. If payment must be split across FRNs, complete this process for each FRN. Next, select “Manage Existing FRNs | FRN Financial | Bills & Fees” on the CORES Menu, then select FRN Financial and the view/make payments option next to the FRN. Select the “Open Bills” tab and find the bill number associated with the NAL Acct. No. The bill number is the NAL Acct. No. with the first two digits excluded (e.g., NAL 1912345678 would be associated with FCC Bill Number 12345678). Finally, choose the “Pay from Bank Account” option. Please contact the appropriate financial institution to confirm the correct Routing Number and the correct account number from which payment will be made and verify with that financial institution that the designated account has authorization to accept ACH transactions.

27. Any request for making full payment over time under an installment plan should be sent to: Chief Financial Officer—Financial Operations, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20554.⁶⁶ Questions regarding payment procedures should be directed to the Financial Operations Group Help Desk by phone, 1-877-480-3201, or by e-mail, ARINQUIRIES@fcc.gov.

28. The written statement seeking reduction or cancellation of the proposed forfeiture, if any, must include a detailed factual statement supported by appropriate documentation and affidavits pursuant to sections 1.16 and 1.80(g)(3) of the Commission’s rules.⁶⁷ The written statement must be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20554, ATTN: Enforcement Bureau – Spectrum Enforcement Division, and must include the NAL/Account Number referenced in the caption. The statement must also be e-mailed to the Spectrum Enforcement Division at EB-SED-Response@fcc.gov.

29. The Commission will not consider reducing or canceling a forfeiture in response to a claim of inability to pay unless the petitioner submits the following documentation: (1) federal tax returns for the past three years; (2) financial statements for the past three years prepared according to generally accepted accounting practices; or (3) some other reliable and objective documentation that accurately reflects the petitioner’s current financial status.⁶⁸ Any claim of inability to pay must specifically identify

⁶⁵ Instructions for completing the form may be obtained at <http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form159/159.pdf>.

⁶⁶ See 47 CFR § 1.1914.

⁶⁷ *Id.* §§ 1.16, 1.80(g)(3).

⁶⁸ 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(2)(E).

the basis for the claim by reference to the financial documentation. Inability to pay, however, is only one of several factors that the Commission will consider in determining the appropriate forfeiture, and we retain the discretion to decline reducing or canceling the forfeiture if other prongs of 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(2)(E) support that result.⁶⁹

30. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture shall be sent by first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Skyhigh Tech LLC, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, Attn: Christina Xu, U.S. Agent for Service of Process, and by email to ccertification@skyhigh-us.com and certification@skyhigh-us.com.

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Chief
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⁶⁹ See, e.g., *Ocean Adrian Hinson, Surry County, North Carolina*, Forfeiture Order, 34 FCC Rcd 7619, 7621, para. 9 & n.21 (2019); *Vearl Pennington and Michael Williamson*, Forfeiture Order, 34 FCC Rcd 770, paras. 18-21 (2019); *Fabrice Polynice, Harold Sido and Veronise Sido, North Miami, Florida*, Forfeiture Order, 33 FCC Rcd 6852, 6860-62, paras. 21-25 (2018); *Adrian Abramovich, Marketing Strategy Leaders, Inc., and Marketing Leaders, Inc.*, Forfeiture Order, 33 FCC Rcd 4663, 4678-79, paras. 44-45 (2018); *Purple Communications, Inc.*, Forfeiture Order, 30 FCC Rcd 14892, 14903-04, paras. 32-33 (2015); *TV Max, Inc., et al.*, Forfeiture Order, 29 FCC Rcd 8648, 8661, para. 25 (2014).