

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

In the Matter of	)	
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Gary M. Beckstedt, Sr.	)	File No.: EB-FIELDSCR-24-00037126
Licensee of Station WQYU407	)	
	)	FRN: 0015589674
Newnan, Georgia	)	

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: August 5, 2026

By the Regional Director, Region Two, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to section 1.89 of the Federal Communication Commission's (Commission) rules¹ to Gary M. Beckstedt, Sr. (Beckstedt), licensee of General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) station WQYU407 (Station) in Newnan, Georgia. Pursuant to section 1.89(a) of the Commission's rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violations noted herein.²

2. GMRS is a mobile two-way voice communications service.³ There are only eight repeater frequency pairs shared nationwide by more than 300,000 active GMRS licensees and millions of Family Radio Service users.⁴ Because GMRS spectrum is so limited, the service only works as intended when local users can hear each other and cooperate in the sharing of channels. Linking multiple repeaters is not in the public interest because it enables the retransmission of messages over much larger geographic areas, thereby limiting localized availability of the GMRS channels, monopolizing a limited spectrum resource, and increasing the potential for interference. Repeaters may be connected to the telephone network or other networks only for purposes of remote control of a GMRS station, which excludes the retransmission of messages.⁵

3. On February 11, 2026, agents of the Enforcement Bureau's Atlanta Office monitored several GMRS repeaters owned by Beckstedt and observed violations of section 95.1749 of the Commission's rules which allows for GMRS repeaters to be connected to the public switched network or other networks for the sole purpose of operation by remote control.⁶ The Station's licensee, Beckstedt,⁷

¹ 47 CFR § 1.89.

² *Id.* at § 1.89(a).

³ *Id.* at § 95.1703.

⁴ *Id.* at § 95.1763; 47 CFR 95.359.

⁵ *Id.* at § 95.1745.

⁶ 47 CFR § 95.1749.

⁷ Beckstedt is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of North Georgia GMRS Inc. (NGGMRS), which claims to "operate the largest linked repeater network in the United States, with nearly two dozen commercial-grade repeaters covering more than 41,000 square miles of [Radio Frequency] coverage." See YouTube, North Georgia GMRS Network, <https://www.youtube.com/@NorthGeorgiaGMRSNetwork/videos> (last visited July 23, 2026); NGGMRS, History, <https://nggmrs.org/pages/history> (last visited July 23, 2026); YouTube, Behind the Scenes with Julie – Interview with Gary Beckstedt, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGD7KIA7VM0> (last visited July 23,

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owns multiple GMRS repeaters connected through the internet,⁸ which is an example of an “other network” referenced in section 95.1749 of the Commission’s rules.⁹ The repeaters’ connections to the internet, however, were not limited to the sole purpose of operation by remote control. Agents observed that the connections were being used to convey messages to multiple repeaters for simultaneous transmission on the repeaters’ respective over-the-air output frequencies, in violation of section 95.1749 of the Commission’s rules.¹⁰

4. Pursuant to section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), and section 1.89 of the Commission’s rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken.¹¹ Therefore, the licensee must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain the violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct the violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a timeline for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.¹²

5. In accordance with section 1.16 of the Commission’s rules, we direct the licensee to support his response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein, and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee’s possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced.¹³ To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under title 18 of the U.S. Code.¹⁴

2026); Georgia Corporations Division, <https://ecorp.sos.ga.gov/BusinessSearch/BusinessInformation?businessId=1773909> (last visited July 23, 2026). An article on the NGGMRS website states that all repeaters are owned by Beckstedt and not NGGMRS. *See Dollars and Cents*, North Georgia GMRS Network, <https://nggmrs.org/pages/dollars-and-cents> (last visited July 23, 2026). While Beckstedt is a licensee of the Station, NGGMRS does not hold any Commission licenses.

⁸ A map of Beckstedt’s repeaters show them linked through two hubs referred to as the “Central Core” and “Northern Core.” *See* Map of NGGMRS, <https://nggmrs.org/cdn/shop/files/11x17-Handout-Map-2023.jpg> (last visited July 23, 2026).

⁹ 47 CFR § 95.1749

¹⁰ “Remote Control” is defined as “Operation of a Personal Radio Services station from a location that is not in the immediate vicinity of the transmitter. Operation of a Personal Radio Services station from any location on the premises, vehicle or craft where the transmitter is located is not considered to be remote control.” 47 CFR § 95.303. “Operate” is defined as “Control the functioning of a Personal Radio Service station; in particular, cause a Personal Radio Service station to begin, continue or cease transmitting.” 47 CFR § 95.303.

¹¹ 47 U.S.C. § 308(b) ; 47 CFR § 1.89.

¹² 47 CFR § 1.89(c).

¹³ Section 1.16 of the Commission’s rules provides that “[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : ‘I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)’.” 47 CFR § 1.16.

¹⁴ 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001, *et seq.*; *see also* 47 CFR § 1.17.

6. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File Number, specified above, and mailed to the following address:

Federal Communications Commission
Region Two Regional Office
P.O. Box 1493
Powder Springs, GA 30127

7. This Notice shall be sent to Gary M. Beckstedt, Sr. at his address of record.

8. The Privacy Act of 1974¹⁵ requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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¹⁵ 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).