



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
ENFORCEMENT BUREAU
South Central Region

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Downtown Miami Hotel, LLC
c/o Hilton Hotels
Miami, FL

NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

Case Number: EB-10-MA-0087
Document Number: W201032600041

The Miami Office received information that an unlicensed broadcast radio station on 96.1 MHz was allegedly operating in the Miami area. On May 19, 2010, agents from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 96.1 MHz were emanating from a transmitter and antenna on the roof of the Hilton Miami Downtown located at 1601 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33132. According to Miami-Dade property records, you are the owner of this property. During the inspection, the hotel management turned off the station. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station on 96.1 MHz at this location in Miami, Florida.

Radio stations must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 301. The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level or mode of operation that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.1 *et seq.* On May 19, 2010, the field strength of the signal on frequency 96.1 MHz was measured at 77,145 microvolts per meter ($\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$) at 473 meters, which exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250 $\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station was operating in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 301.

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization **or providing services and facilities incidental to the operation of an unlicensed radio transmitter** constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (*see* 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510).

UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST NOT RESUME.

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the FCC. Your response should be sent to the address in the

letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Steven DeSena
Resident Agent
Miami Office

Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended
Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet," March 2005

CC Pyramid Hotel Group, LLC