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

In the Matter of)
Adelman Broadcasting, Inc.) File No. EB-11-LA-0259
Licensee of Station KRAJ Facility ID # 84860)
Johannesburg, CA) NOV No. V201232900010
Johannesburg, CA)

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: March 7, 2012

By the District Director, Los Angeles, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

- 1. This is a Notice of Violation ("Notice") issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's Rules, to Adelman Broadcasting, licensee of radio station KRAJ serving Johannesburg, California. This Notice may be combined with a further action, if further action is warranted.
- 2. On January 4, 2012, an agent of the Enforcement Bureau's Los Angeles Office inspected radio station KRAJ located at Ridgecrest, CA, and observed the following violations:
 - a. 47 C.F.R. § 11.35(a): "EAS Participants must determine the cause of any failure to receive the required tests or activations specified in Sections 11.61(a)(1) and (a)(2). Appropriate entries indicating reasons why any tests were not received must be made in the broadcast station log as specified in Sections 73.1820 and 73.1840 of this chapter for all broadcast streams" At the time of the inspection, there was no entry in the station's logs indicating why KRAJ did not receive any alerts or tests from the Kern County Office of Emergency Services, an assigned monitoring source, during the three month period preceding the inspection.
 - b. 47 C.F.R. § 11.51(m)(1): "Automatic interrupt of programming and transmission of EAS messages are required when facilities are unattended. Automatic transmissions must include a permanent record that contains at a minimum the following information: Originator, Event, Location and valid time period of the message. The decoder performs the functions necessary to determine which EAS messages are automatically transmitted by the encoder." At the time of the inspection, records for EAS tests and alerts

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

²47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

received and retransmitted automatically by the KRAJ EAS equipment were being kept manually based on observations made by station personnel monitoring the KRAJ retransmissions of these events. These records only included the date and the source of the test.

- 3. As the nation's emergency warning system, the Emergency Alert System is critical to public safety, and we recognize the vital role that broadcasters play in ensuring its success. The Commission takes seriously any violations of the Rules implementing the EAS and expects full compliance from its regulatees. Pursuant to Section 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and Section 1.89 of the Commission's Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions the station may have taken. Therefore, Adelman Broadcasting, Inc., must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line 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.⁴
- 4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Commission's Rules, we direct Adelman Broadcasting, Inc. to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Adelman Broadcasting, Inc. with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Adelman Broadcasting, Inc. response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein, 5 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. 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. 6
- 5. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

³47 U.S.C. § 403.

⁴47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

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 C.F.R. § 1.16.

⁶18 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq. See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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- 6. This Notice shall be sent to Adelman Broadcasting, Inc., at its address of record.
- 7. The Privacy Act of 1974⁷ 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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⁷ P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).