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Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center Vallejo, CA 94589

NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

Case Number: EB-FIELDWR-12-00000308 Document Number: W201232960006

The San Francisco Office received information that a station allegedly operating on 482.993 MHz was operating at Kaiser Permanente, 975 Sereno Drive, Vallejo California, and causing interference to the Vallejo Fire Department radio frequency, 482.9875 MHz. On January 27 and February 1, 2012, agents from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 482.993 MHz were emanating from the Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center's signal booster system. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a station at this location on 482.993 MHz in Vallejo, California.

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 that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.1 *et seq.* Although the signal booster was labeled as a Part 15 device, the Bird Technologies Group Signal Booster 2 (Bird Technologies, TX RX Systems, Inc., serial number 118675-D, FCC Identifier: EZZ5PI616850), is authorized for use under Part 90 of the FCC Rules. Thus, this station is 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 constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator of this illegal operation to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary forfeitures, *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 BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

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.

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Attachments:

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