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**NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION**

Case Numbers: EB-FIELDWR-13-00006961  
Document Number: W201332920006

The Portland Office received information that an unlicensed broadcast radio station on 1700 kHz was allegedly operating in Vancouver, Washington. On February 26, 2013, an agent from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 1700 kHz were emanating from your residence in Vancouver, Washington 98685. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station at this location on 1700 kHz in Vancouver, Washington.

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.* Your operation on frequency 1700 kHz was measured at 1,800  $\mu$ V/m at approximately 175 meters. This exceeds the allowable unlicensed limit of 14.11  $\mu$ V/m (24,000/1,700) at 30 meters established in section 15.209(a) for operation on 1700 kHz, see Section 47 C.F.R § 15.209(a).

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