**Before the**

## Federal Communications Commission

## Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )

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Swedish Hospital ) File No.: EB-FIELDWR-14-00013232

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Licensee of Station KNAX757 ) NOV No.: V201432980008

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Seattle, Washington )

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: February 6, 2014

By the Acting District Director, Seattle Office, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission’s rules (Rules)[[1]](#footnote-1) to Swedish Hospital, licensee of radio station KNAX757 in Seattle, Washington. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the 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 violation noted herein.[[2]](#footnote-2)
2. On January 14, 2014, an agent of the Enforcement Bureau’s Seattle Office monitored radio station KNAX757, located in Seattle, Washington, and observed the following violations:
   1. 47 C.F.R. § 90.403(e): “Licensees shall take reasonable precautions to avoid causing harmful interference. This includes monitoring the transmitting frequency for communications in progress and such other measures as may be necessary to minimize the potential for causing interference.” At the time of the on-scene investigation on January 14, 2014, the station KNAX757 transmitter was repeatedly transmitting a digitally modulated signal on 464.875 MHz, at the same time as another licensee, WQAM384 in Bellevue, WA, which shares the frequency with KNAX757. These transmissions created harmful interference and prevented the effective sharing of the frequency with the other licensed user, WQAM384.
   2. 47 C.F.R. § 90.425(a): “Except as provided for in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, each station or system shall be identified by the transmissions of the assigned call sign during each transmission or exchange of transmissions, or once each 15 minutes (30 minutes in the Public safety Pool) during periods of continuous operation.” At the time of the investigation, the KNAX757 signal was monitored for over one hour and did not transmit its station ID at any time.
3. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,[[3]](#footnote-3) and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Swedish Hospital 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]](#footnote-4)
4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct Swedish Hospital to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Swedish Hospital with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Swedish Hospital’s response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,[[5]](#footnote-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]](#footnote-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:

Federal Communications Commission

Seattle Office

11410 NE 122nd Way, Suite 312

Kirkland, Washington 98034

1. This Notice shall be sent to Swedish Hospital at its address of record.
2. The Privacy Act of 1974[[7]](#footnote-7) 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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Acting District Director

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1. 47 C.F.R. § 1.89. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 47 U.S.C. § 308(b). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Section 1.16 of the 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq. See also* 47 C.F.R. § 1.17. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)