



**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
ENFORCEMENT BUREAU  
REGION ONE**

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**NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION**

Case Number: EB-FIELDNER-17-00024272

On September 18, 20, and 21, 2017, Agents from the Boston Office (Boston Office) of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's or Commission's) Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) responded to a complaint of an unlicensed FM station operating on the frequency 105.3 MHz in Boston, Massachusetts. The Agents confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 105.3 MHz were emanating from a commercial building at 616-624 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a radio station on 105.3 MHz at this location in Dorchester, Massachusetts. The Boston Office investigated and determined you are the operator of the radio broadcast station on 105.3 MHz in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Radio stations operating on a range of frequencies,<sup>1</sup> including 105.3 MHz, must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act).<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Agents measured the field strength of the signal on the frequency 105.3 MHz for the station and found that it exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250  $\mu$ V/m at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station was operating in violation of Section 301 of the Act.<sup>4</sup>

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 will subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, *in rem* seizure of the offending radio

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<sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 73.201.

<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301.

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR §§ 15.1 *et seq.*

<sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301.

equipment without further notice, substantial fines, and criminal sanctions, including imprisonment.<sup>5</sup>

**UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY AND 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 number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974,<sup>6</sup> 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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Region One  
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Federal Communications Commission

Attachments:

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

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<sup>5</sup> See 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510.

<sup>6</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).