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**NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION**

Case Number: EB-FIELDNER-17-00025224

In February, 2018, Agents from the New York Office of the Federal Communications Commission’s (Commission’s) Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) monitored the FM broadcast band to determine if the unauthorized station operating on 90.9 MHz from Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York had resumed operations. On February 13, 2018, an Agent from the New York Office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 90.9 MHz were emanating from your residence in Brooklyn, New York. The Commission’s records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station on 90.9 MHz at this location in Brooklyn, New York.

Radio stations operating on a range of frequencies, [[1]](#footnote-2) including 90.9 MHz, must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act).[[2]](#footnote-3) 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.[[3]](#footnote-4) Agents measured the field strength of the signal on the frequency 90.9 MHz for the station and found that it exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250 µV/m at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station is operating in violation of Section 301 of the Act.[[4]](#footnote-5)

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 may subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions, including imprisonment.[[5]](#footnote-6)

**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 number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974,[[6]](#footnote-7) 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

1. 47 CFR § 73.201. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. 47 U.S.C. § 301. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. 47 CFR §§ 15.1 *et seq*. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. 47 U.S.C. § 301. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. *See* 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)