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**NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION**

Case Number: EB-FIELDNER-19-00029106

On July 15, 2019 and July 16, 2019, Agents from Region One of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's or Commission's) Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) investigated an unlicensed FM station operating on the frequency 87.9 MHz in Swanzy, New Hampshire. The Agents confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on the frequency 87.9 MHz were emanating from a single-family dwelling on Marcy Hill Road in Swanzy, New Hampshire. The Agents confirmed, through inspection of the station, that you are the operator of the unlicensed radio station. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station on 87.9 MHz at this location in Swanzy, New Hampshire.

Radio stations operating on a range of frequencies,<sup>1</sup> including 87.9 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> On July 15, 2019, the Agents measured the field strength of the signal on the frequency 87.9 MHz for the station and found that it exceeded the maximum permitted level of 100  $\mu$ V/m at 3 meters for non-licensed devices operating in the band 30-88 MHz.<sup>4</sup> Thus, this station is operating in violation of section 301 of the Act.<sup>5</sup>

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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 CFR §§ 15.209.

<sup>5</sup> 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 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.<sup>6</sup>

**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,<sup>7</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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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>6</sup> See 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510.

<sup>7</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).