



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In Reply Refer to: 1800B3-CH

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

WVCB Radio
PO Box 833
Shallotte, NC 28459
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In re: WVCB(AM), Shallotte, NC
Facility ID No. 31573
Silent since September 15, 2021

Notification of License Expiration

Dear Licensee:

Our records indicate that the station referenced above has been silent since at least September 15, 2021. Therefore, pursuant to section 312(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act),¹ the station's license expired as a matter of law at 12:01 a.m., September 16, 2022.²

This letter provides you 45 days to provide evidence³ that our records incorrectly reflect the operational status of the station and that, in fact, the station returned to the air with authorized facilities at some time between September 15, 2021, and 12:01 a.m., September 16, 2022. If you fail to provide such documented evidence within 45 days from the date of this letter, the Commission's public and internal databases WILL BE MODIFIED to indicate that the broadcast license for the referenced station is EXPIRED, that the station's license is CANCELED as a matter of law, and that the station's call sign is DELETED.

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g); *Eagle Broad. Group, Ltd. v. FCC*, 563 F.3d 543 (D.C. Cir. 2009); *A-O Broad. Corp.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 23 FCC Rcd 603 (2008).

² Section 312(g) of the Act provides that if a broadcast station fails to transmit broadcast signals with its authorized facilities for any consecutive 12-month period, then the station license granted for the operation of that broadcast station expires at the end of that period, notwithstanding any provision, term, or condition of the license to the contrary, except that the Commission may extend or reinstate such station license to promote equity and fairness.

³ This evidence must indicate the location, effective radiated power and antenna height above ground level for **all periods of operation** from September 15, 2021 to the present. Also include copies of all leases, personnel records (including payroll records appropriately redacted to protect the privacy of individual employees), engineering records, and station records, including EAS logs, and all correspondence (including emails and text messages) relating to the station for that period of time. In addition, you must provide copies of all invoices, bills (including utility bills), checks written or received, credit card charges, wire transfers or deposits of funds relating to the station's operation. In addition, if the station uses accounting software to maintain financial records, provide printouts of the data recorded for this period. You **must also include pictures** of the station's facilities during this timeframe, and provide exact station coordinates.

Finally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower be maintained until the tower is dismantled. Accordingly, the owner of the tower where the referenced station's transmitting antenna is located is required to maintain the tower in the manner prescribed by our rules and the terms of the cancelled license.⁴

Documents sent in response to this letter shall be addressed to FCC, Office of the Secretary, 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554, and sent **BY EMAIL** to Victoria McCauley at the address below.

Please direct any questions concerning the content of this letter to Victoria McCauley, Attorney, phone (202-418-2136), or e-mail (Victoria.McCauley@fcc.gov). In the event that a response by email would exceed 5 MB, you must first contact Ms. McCauley to explain the nature of the documentation and seek guidance as to whether the submission should be reduced by providing representative documents, rather than all documents, of a particular nature.

Sincerely,

Albert Shuldiner

Albert Shuldiner
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

⁴ See 47 U.S.C. § 303(q); 47 CFR §§17.1 *et seq.* and 73.1213. See also *Streamlining the Commission's Antenna Structure Clearance Procedure*, Report and Order, 11 FCC Rcd 4272, 4293 (1995) (tower owner bears primary responsibility for maintaining tower painting and/or lighting).