

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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June 12, 2014

**IN REPLY REFER TO:
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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John Young
Fellowshipworld
224 Hudson
Buffalo, NY 14201

In re: WFWO(FM), Medina, NY
Facility ID No. 172262

Operational Status Inquiry

Dear Mr. Young:

It has come to our attention that Station WFWO(FM), Medina, NY (“Station”), may be currently off the air. However, Commission records show that the station is licensed and operating. Pursuant to Section 73.1740 of the Commission’s Rules, you are required to clarify this matter in writing within thirty days of the date of this letter.

Please note that any station silence over thirty days requires the filing of a request for Special Temporary Authority to operate at variance with the Commission’s minimum operating schedule requirements.¹ We have no record of such a request from you or the Licensee for the Station. Pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended, **if a broadcast station fails to transmit broadcast signals 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, unless extended or reinstated by Commission action.**

Our records show that the Station was licensed on August 21, 2012.² On February 12, 2013, you requested Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to go silent because of technical difficulties with the transmitter. You filed an extension of STA on October 31, 2013, requesting additional time to complete construction of the main studio. On February 3, 2014, you filed the Station’s renewal application, in which you stated that the Station had operated its required 36 hours per week, consisting of at least 5 hours of operation on at least 6 days of the week since January 25, 2014. On February 5, 2014, you filed a resumption of operations stating that the station returned to the air on January 25, 2014.

On May 14, 2014, an FCC field inspection of the Station revealed that it was not currently operational. Specifically, the antenna tower had collapsed, and the antenna was being stored outside a backyard shed, which also contained the transmitter, a 3 watt FM-3WS-LCD with a power amplifier, and served as the main studio. Pictures of this building showed that it also housed a tractor. The inspector stated that you told him that prior to the collapse, you were

¹ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 73.1635 (Special temporary authorizations) and 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1740(a) (Minimum operating schedule).

² File No. BLED-20120727AFJ.


operating the Station for a few hours a day in order to comply with our rules. However, the inspector observed that the station did not appear to be capable of transmitting at full power with the equipment that was present at the site. Specifically, he stated that the antenna tower did not seem long enough to meet the 32 meter AGL required by the Station's licensed facilities. He also noted that the site was not at the license coordinates.

Based on the above, we have concluded that further inquiry is required regarding the Station's operation. Please provide evidence documenting the Station's operational status since the license grant on August 21, 2012, indicating the location, effective radiated power and antenna height above ground level for all periods of operation. Also include copies of all leases, personnel records, engineering records, station logs, invoices, bills, checks written or received, credit card charges, wire transfers or deposits of funds relating to the Station's operation. Please include pictures of the Station's facilities during this timeframe, and provide exact Station coordinates.

It is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained.³

Failure to respond to this letter within the specified time will result in adverse actions jeopardizing both the station's license and call letters. If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please contact Victoria McCauley, Attorney, by phone (202-418-2136), fax (202-418-1411), or e-mail (Victoria.McCauley@fcc.gov).

Sincerely,


Peter H. Doyle
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

³ See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).