

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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In re: **WLNO(AM), New Orleans, LA**  
Facility ID No. 58393

WLNO Trust (Stephan C. Sloan, Trustee)

Dear Mr. Oxenford:

This letter concerns the operational status of AM Radio Station WLNO, New Orleans, Louisiana. On April 15, 2015, you filed a notice of resumption of operations on behalf of WLNO Trust (Stephan C. Sloan, Trustee) ("WLNO Trust"), stating that Station WLNO(AM) had resumed operation on April 15, 2015. In that resumption notice, WLNO Trust states, "Licensee commenced operation of the Station in accordance with the technical parameters outlined pursuant to previously submitted requests for special temporary authorization (BESTA-20140306AHY and BESTA-20120229ABH). Our records show that both of these requests for special temporary authority ("STA") have long expired, and no additional request has been filed to use the facilities specified in those requests. Accordingly, the facilities that they propose to use are not authorized and cannot provide the basis for a resumption of operations.

We also note that our records show that Station WLNO(AM) went silent on June 2, 2014, and WLNO Trust requested STA to remain silent at that time. That request was granted on July 31, 2014, and expired on January 28, 2015. At the time we granted that STA, we notified WLNO Trust that pursuant to §312(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the broadcast license for Station WLNO(AM) would automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations did not resume by 12:01 a.m., June 3, 2015.<sup>1</sup> On April 16, 2015, WLNO Trust filed another STA to remain silent for WLNO(AM). In that STA request, WLNO Trust indicates that Station WLNO(AM) is in bankruptcy, that it is seeking a buyer, and that Station WLNO(AM) intends to remain silent until a buyer is located.

Based on the above, we have concluded that further inquiry is required regarding the Station's operation. 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 provide evidence documenting the Station's operational status since June 2, 2014, 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.

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

broadcast license. It is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed.<sup>2</sup>

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter H. Doyle" followed by the initials "ITH".

Peter H. Doyle  
Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Stephan C. Sloan, Trustee

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<sup>2</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).