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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Leigh Hinkle Covenant Presbyterian Church in Panama City, Inc. 2350 Frankford Avenue Panama City, FL 32405 - 2297

> In re: WPCU-LP, Panama City, FL Facility ID No. 134855 Silent since September 2, 2016

> > **Notification of License Expiration**

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

Our records indicate that WPCU-LP, Panama City, Florida (Station), licensed to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Panama City, Inc. (CPC), has been silent since September 2, 2016.¹ On September 12, 2016, CPC requested Special Temporary Authority (STA) to remain silent, and on March 13, 2017, CPC requested an Extension of STA to remain silent. Both requests were granted by letter, stating:

Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WPCU-LP will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., September 3, 2017.²

On September 5, 2017, CPC filed a second request for Extension of STA to remain silent without filing a resumption of operation, and on September 6, 2017, confirmed by email that the Station remains silent and did not resume operation prior to September 3, 2017.³ Therefore, pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended,⁴ the Station's license expired as a matter of law at 12:01 A.M., September 3, 2017. Accordingly, the Commission's public and internal databases ARE 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. In addition, the pending application for assignment of license from CPC to Bay County Community Broadcasters, Inc., IS DISMISSED as moot.⁵

¹ See File Nos. BLSTA-20160912AEG (granted on Oct. 13, 2016), BLESTA-20170313ACE(granted on Mar. 24, 2017).

² See Letters from Lisa Scanlan, Assistant Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, FCC to Mr. John O. Broomall (MB Oct. 13, 2016, Ref. 1800B3-RH; Mar. 24, 2017, Ref. 1800B3-DW).

³ See E-mail from Johnathan Brett Elmore, Contact Representative, Covenant Presbyterian Church in Panama City, Inc., to Victoria McCauley, Attorney, Audio Division, Media Bureau, FCC (Sept. 6, 2017, 22:46, EDT)(stating that the station was still off the air as of September 6, 2017).

⁴ 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).

⁵ See File No. BALL-20170725ABZ. The objections filed by Terry Keith Hammond against the assignment application are also dismissed as moot.

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, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 303(q), to maintain the tower in the manner prescribed by our rules and the terms of the cancelled license.⁶

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).

Sincerely,

Peter H. Doyle M. Peter H. Doyle, Chief

Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Mr. Johnathan Elmore

⁶ 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).