



Federal Communications Commission
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In reply refer to: 1800B3-VM

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Eddie J. Rackley
266 23rd Street
Meridian MS 39301

In re: WNBC(AM), Meridian, MS
Facility ID No. 22294
Operational Status Inquiry

Dear Applicant/Administrator:

It has come to our attention that Station WNBC(AM), Meridian, Mississippi (Station), licensed to Frank Rackley, Jr. (Rackley) may be currently off the air.¹ However, Commission records show that you certified in the Station's license renewal application, filed on February 10, 2012, that the Station was on the air.² That application has not been amended pursuant to 47 CFR § 1.65. Pursuant to 47 CFR § 73.1740, you are required to clarify this matter in writing within thirty days of the date of this letter.

On February 28, 2018, we received information that the Station had been off the air for an extended period of time. Based on this information, it appears that the Station may have been silent for more than one year. Pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended, **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, unless extended or reinstated by Commission action.**³

Please provide evidence documenting the Station's operational status since February 10, 2012. This evidence must indicate the location, effective radiated power and antenna height above ground level for **all periods of operation** from February 10, 2012, 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 logs for that period of time. In addition, you must provide copies of all invoices, bills, checks written or received, credit card charges, wire transfers or deposits of funds relating to the Station's operation.⁴ You **must also include pictures** of the Station's studio facilities and transmission facilities during this timeframe, and provide exact Station coordinates.

¹ We note that an application for consent to assignment of license from Rackley to Eddie Rackley, Administrator, was filed on December 7, 2017. See File No. BAL-20171207ABE. In that application, Exhibit 6 states that Rackley, the Station's licensee, died on January 25, 2011. We also note that the license renewal application, File No. BR-20120210ABF, filed after Rackley's death, remains pending.

² See File No. BR-20120210ABF.

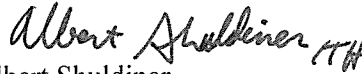
³ 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

⁴ In addition, if the Station uses accounting software to maintain financial records, provide printouts of the data recorded for this period.

We also note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the Station's tower shall be maintained.⁵

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), or e-mail (Victoria.McCauley@fcc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert Shuldiner" followed by a stylized monogram or initials.

Albert Shuldiner
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

⁵ See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).