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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Audio Division, Media Bureau

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re:

**Broadcast South, LLC** 

WBHB, Fitzgerald, GA (Facility ID No. 39476)

Operational Status Inquiry Letter Dated February 28, 2018

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith is the response of Broadcast South, LLC ("Broadcast South") to the Media Bureau's Operational Status Inquiry ("Status Inquiry") dated February 28, 2018 regarding WBHB, Fitzgerald, GA (Facility ID No. 39476). Broadcast South has chosen to respond to the Status Inquiry by tendering the WBHB license for cancellation and submitting the attached signed Declaration of John Higgs, Member of Broadcast South. The remaining questions contained in the Status Inquiry are moot as a result of the license's cancellation.

Please contact the undersigned if any questions arise concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew H. McCormick

Mark C. DeSantis

Mark DeSouto

Counsel to Broadcast South, LLC

cc: Albert Shuldiner, Audio Division Victoria McCauley, Audio Division

## Declaration of John Higgs

I, John Higgs, do hereby declare and state under penalty of perjury:

I am Member of Broadcast South, LLC, licensee of, *inter alia*, AM Station WBHB, Fitzgerald, GA (Facility ID No. 39476) (the "Station"). With this Declaration I am also tendering the Station's license for cancellation.

I have reviewed the letter of the FCC Audio Division, dated February 28, 2018, inquiring about the operating status of the Station since January 1, 2017 (the "Status Inquiry Letter").

The Station is located on Roanoke Drive in Fitzgerald, GA in the same facilities as FM Stations WZKK, Tifton, GA (Facility ID No. 50535) and WRDO, Fitzgerald, GA (Facility ID No. 24738). For years the Station has caused very significant distortion to the signals of both WZKK and WRDO, and even to fax machines, telephones, and other appliances in the same building.

I have employed many different engineers to study and resolve the distortion issues caused by the Station, but none has had any success. These engineers include, but are not limited to, Larry Nixon, Bud Mitchell, Victor Vickers, Charlie Sweat, our present engineer, Ryan Hanna, and tower expert Grant Balwantz.

None of these engineers could resolve the distortion issues caused by the Station. I instructed our Chief Engineer to turn on the Station's transmitter approximately once per week to broadcast the Station and continue searching for a remedy. However, the distortion caused by the Station has never subsided. I offered Wiregrass Technical College the Station for free, but it had no interest in accepting the Station's license.

I was in the process of cancelling the Station license when I received the Status Inquiry Letter. With no other viable option, I am tendering the Station's license for cancellation with this Declaration.

John Higgs

Signed March 19, 2018



## United States of America

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSAGEPTED/FII FD

Authorizing Official:

AM BROADCAST STATION LICENSE

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Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

Official Mailing Address:

BROADCAST SOUTH, LLC 1931 HIGHWAY 32 E DOUGLAS GA 31533

Penelope A. Dade

Audio Division

Facility Id: 39476

Call Sign: WBHB

License File Number: BZ-20020806ABH

Direct Measurement of Power

Supervisory Analyst Media Bureau

Grant Date: November 18, 2002 This license expires 3:00 a.m. local time, April 01, 2004.

Subject to the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, subsequent acts and treaties, and all regulations heretofore or hereafter made by this Commission, and further subject to the conditions set forth in this license, the licensee is hereby authorized to use and operate the radio transmitting apparatus herein described.

This license is issued on the licensee's representation that the statements contained in licensee's application are true and that the undertakings therein contained so far as they are consistent herewith, will be carried out in good faith. The licensee shall, during the term of this license, render such broadcasting service as will serve the public interest, convenience, or necessity to the full extent of the privileges herein conferred.

This license shall not vest in the licensee any right to operate the station nor any right in the use of the frequency designated in the license beyond the term hereof, nor in any other manner than authorized herein. Neither the license nor the right granted hereunder shall be assigned or otherwise transferred in violation of the Communications Act of 1934. This license is subject to the right of use or control by the Government of the United States conferred by Section 606 of the Communications Act of 1934.

Hours of Operation: Unlimited

Average hours of sunrise and sunset: Local Standard Time (Non-Advanced)

Jan.	7:30 A	M 5:45	PM	Jul.	5:30	AM	7:45	PM
Feb.	7:15 A	M 6:15	PM	Aug.	6:00	AM	7:15	PM
Mar.	6:45 A	M 6:45	PM	Sep.	6:15	AM	6:45	PM
Apr.	6:00 A	M 7:00	PM	Oct.	6:30	AM	6:00	PM
May	5:30 A	M 7:15	PM	Nov.	7:00	AM	5:30	PM
Jun.	5:30 A	M 7:45	PM	Dec.	7:30	AM	5:30	PM

Name of Licensee: BROADCAST SOUTH, LLC

Station Location: FITZGERALD, GA

Frequency (kHz): 1240

Station Class: C

Antenna Coordinates:

Day

Latitude: N 31 Deg 42 Min 22 Sec Longitude: W 83 Deg 15 Min 42 Sec

Night

Latitude: N 31 Deg 42 Min 22 Sec Longitude: W 83 Deg 15 Min 42 Sec

Transmitter(s): Type Accepted. See Sections 73.1660, 73.1665 and 73.1670 of the Commission's Rules.

Nominal Power (kW): Day: 1.0 Night: 1.0

Antenna Input Power (kW): Day: 1.0 Night: 1.0

Antenna Mode: Day: ND Night: ND

(DA=Directional Antenna, ND=Non-directional Antenna; CH=Critical Hours)

Current (amperes): Day: 3.56 Night: 3.56

Resistance (ohms): Day: 79 Night: 79

Non-Directional Antenna: Day

Radiator Height: 45.7 meters; 68.1 deg
Theoretical Efficiency: 273.59 mV/m/kw at 1km

Non-Directional Antenna: Night

Radiator Height: 45.7 meters; 68.1 deg
Theoretical Efficiency: 273.59 mV/m/kw at 1km

Antenna Registration Number(s):

Day:

Tower No. ASRN Overall Height (m)

1 1020422

Night:

Tower No. ASRN Overall Height (m)

1 1020422

Callsign: WBHB

License No.: BZ-20020806ABH

Special operating conditions or restrictions:

- Permittee/Licensee shall accept such interference as may be imposed by other existing 250 watt Class C stations in the event that they are subsequently authorized to increase power to 1000 watts.
- The permittee/licensee in coordination with other users of the site must reduce power or cease operation as necessary to protect persons having access to the site, tower or antenna from radiofrequency electromagnetic fields in excess of FCC guidelines.

\*\*\* END OF AUTHORIZATION \*\*\*