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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

JKC Communications of The Virgin Islands, Inc.  
P.O. Box 25680  
Christiansted VI 00824-1680

**In re: WVIQ(FM), Christiansted, VI**  
Facility ID No. 74457  
Operational Status Inquiry

Dear Licensee:

It has come to our attention that Station WVIQ(FM), Christiansted, Virgin Islands (Station), licensed to JKC Communications of The Virgin Islands, Inc. (JKC), may be currently off the air or operating with unauthorized facilities. Pursuant to Section 73.1740 of the Commission's Rules, JKC is required to clarify this matter in writing within 45 days of the date of this letter.

Our records show that on November 21, 2017, JKC filed a request for Special Temporary Authority (STA) stating the following:

On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria caused WVIQ to lose electrical power, forcing it off the air. Later that same day, with the use of a generator, WVIQ was able to resume operations with the facilities described in the 'tech box' of this request for special temporary authority ('STA'). Since it is not known when electrical power will be restored to the WVIQ transmitter site, it is respectfully requested that STA be granted for a period of six months for WVIQ to operate with reduced power and the facilities described in the tech box of this request.<sup>1</sup>

That STA was granted on November 22, 2017 and expired on May 21, 2018. No extensions of STA have been requested, and no notices of resumption of licensed operation have been filed. In the application for renewal of license filed on December 31, 2019, Licensee does not indicate that the Station was silent for any part of the license term.<sup>2</sup>

Based on this information, it appears that the Station may have been silent (or failed to operate with authorized facilities) 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.**

Please provide evidence documenting the Station's operational status since May 21, 2018. This evidence must indicate the location, effective radiated power and antenna height above ground level for **all periods of operation** from May 21, 2018 to the present. Also include copies of all leases, personnel records (including payroll records appropriately redacted to protect

<sup>1</sup> File No. BSTA-20171121AAB, Exh. 4.

<sup>2</sup> File No. 94379.

the privacy of individual employees), engineering records, and station logs, including EAS 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.<sup>3</sup> You **must also include pictures** of the Station's studio facilities and transmission facilities during this timeframe, and provide exact Station coordinates.

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.<sup>4</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), or e-mail (Victoria.McCauley@fcc.gov).

Sincerely,



Albert Shuldiner  
Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Cary S. Tepper, Esq.

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<sup>3</sup> In addition, if the Station uses accounting software to maintain financial records, provide printouts of the data recorded for this period.

<sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).