

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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February 17, 2012

**IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

John Jacob Ambrozic  
Melodynamic Broadcasting Corporation  
121 Picket Mill Blvd.  
Bluffton, SC 29909

**In re: WCER(AM), Canton, OH**  
Facility ID No. 41131  
Operational Status Inquiry

Dear Mr. Ambrozic:

Our records reveal that Melodynamic Broadcasting Corporation (“MDB”) filed a notification of silent operation on September 27, 2011, stating that Station WCER(AM), Canton, Ohio, had gone off the air on September 14, 2011. Pursuant to Section 73.1740 of the Commission’s Rules (“Rules”), you are required to clarify this matter in writing within thirty days of the date of this letter.

We note that Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission’s Rules permits licensees to discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority.<sup>1</sup> Any station silence over thirty days requires the filing of a request for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate at variance with the Commission’s minimum operating schedule requirements.<sup>2</sup> According to our records, MDB has not filed a request for Special Temporary Authority to remain silent or a notification of resumption of operations as required by Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission’s Rules.

If Station WCER(AM) is silent, this 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 broadcast license. Additionally, we 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 until removed.<sup>3</sup>

We also note that if Station WCER(AM) has been off the air since September 14, 2011, and remains off the air, **the broadcast license for Station WCER(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., on September 15, 2012.**<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4) (Minimum operating schedule).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1635 (Special temporary authorizations) and 47 C.F.R. §73.1740(a).

<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

<sup>4</sup> See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

If Station WCER(AM) has resumed operations, please indicate the date that broadcast operations have resumed. If the station is still off the air, please indicate as such and fully describe the necessity for taking the station silent. 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 black ink that reads "Lisa Scanlan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa A. Scanlan  
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Media Bureau