



Federal Communications Commission  
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**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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In re: WLBH(AM), Mattoon, IL  
Mattoon Broadcasting Company  
Facility ID No. 40702  
File No. BR-20120731AJI

WLBH-FM, Mattoon, IL  
Facility ID No. 40703  
File No. BRH-20120731AKB

Dear Mr. Livesay:

It has come to our attention that Stations WLBH(AM) and WLBH-FM, Mattoon, Illinois (Stations), licensed to Mattoon Broadcasting Company (MBC), may be currently off the air. However, Commission records show that MBC has indicated that the Station is licensed and operating. Pursuant to Section 73.1740 of the Commission's Rules, MBC is required to clarify this matter in writing within thirty days of the date of this letter.

On August 1, 2017, we sent a certified letter to MBC regarding the Stations' red-light status and delinquent debts owed to the Commission. That letter warned MBC that the renewal applications would be dismissed if the debts were not paid. Although we received the return receipt, we did not receive a response to the letter. On December 4, 2017, we received notice that an FCC field inspection of the Stations' combined facility showed that they have apparently been abandoned, with holes in the roof of the building and rusting cars in the driveway. Based on this information, it appears that both Stations have been silent (or failed to operate with authorized facilities) for over 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 Stations' operational status since August 1, 2012, the date of filing of the renewal applications. This evidence must indicate the location, effective radiated power and antenna height above ground level for **all periods of operation** from since August 1, 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. For the period of January 1, 2016 through December 1, 2017, provide copies of all invoices, bills, checks written or received, credit card charges, wire transfers or deposits of funds relating to the Stations' operation.<sup>1</sup> You **must**

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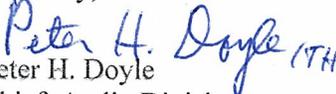
<sup>1</sup> In addition, if the Stations use accounting software to maintain financial records, provide printouts of the data recorded for Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 1, 2017.

**also include pictures** of the Stations' 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 Stations' tower(s) shall be maintained.<sup>2</sup>

Failure to respond to this letter within the specified time will result in adverse actions jeopardizing both the Stations' licenses 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,

  
Peter H. Doyle  
Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

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<sup>2</sup> See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).