



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

October 4, 2017

In Reply Refer to
1800B3-VM

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

WKMG Radio
P.O. Box 62
Kinards, SC 29355-0062

Re: WKMG(AM), Newberry, SC
Facility ID No. 17766
File No. BR-20110809ABM

Dear Licensee:

It has come to our attention that Station WKMG(AM), Newberry, SC, licensed to Cornell Blakely (Station), may be currently off the air. However, Commission records show that the Station is operating. Pursuant to Section 73.1740 of the Commission's Rules, you are required to clarify this matter in writing within thirty days of the date of this letter.

On June 3, 2015, the staff notified the Licensee by letter that he was delinquent on the payment of debts owed to the Federal Communications Commission.¹ The staff received no response. On May 10, 2017, the staff attempted to notify the Licensee of its debt delinquency by phone, only to find out that the Licensee had died and that the telephone number on record with the Commission had been disconnected.²

Based on this information, it appears that the Station may 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 Station's operational status since August 9, 2011, the date of filing of its renewal application. This evidence must indicate the location, effective radiated power and antenna height above ground level for **all periods of operation** from August 9, 2011, to the present. Also include copies of all leases, personnel records, engineering records, station logs, invoices, bills, checks written or received, credit card charges, wire transfers or deposits of funds relating to the Station's operation. You **must also include pictures** of the Station's studio facilities and transmission facilities during this timeframe, and provide exact Station coordinates.

¹ See Letter to Cornell Blakely, Reference 1800B3-KW (MB Jun. 3, 2015).

²The staff has learned that the Licensee apparently died on December 2, 2013. See <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/greenvilleonline/obituary.aspx?pid=168334333>; <http://wlbq.com/2013/12/04/upstate-radio-legend-dies>.

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.³

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,


Peter H. Doyle
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

³ See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).