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**SENT VIA EMAIL TO MIKEDAVIS411@AOL.COM**

Costar Broadcast Group  
2560 Oakwood Terrace  
Olympia Fields, IL 60461

**In re: WQBC(AM), Vicksburg, MS**

Facility ID No. 60000

File No. 0000105209

Operational Status Inquiry

Dear Licensee:

It has come to our attention that Station WQBC(AM), Vicksburg, Mississippi (Station), licensed to Costar Broadcast Group (CBG) may be currently off the air. However, Commission records show that CBG has indicated that the Station is licensed and operating. Pursuant to Section 73.1740 of the Commission's Rules, CBG is required to clarify this matter in writing within thirty days of the date of this letter.

On February 20, 2020, Mr. Mark Jones, owner of Owensville Communications, LLC, licensee of Station WVBG(AM), Vicksburg, Mississippi, filed an objection against the application for renewal alleging that the Station has not operated for many years.<sup>1</sup> The objection also alleges that the antenna has been dismantled and the transmitter is in storage in a warehouse. 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 January 1, 2018. This evidence must indicate the location, effective radiated power and antenna height above ground level for **all periods of operation** from January 1, 2018, 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 (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>2</sup> You **must also include pictures** of the Station's studio facilities and transmission facilities during this timeframe, and provide exact Station coordinates.

The documents must be addressed to the Office of the Secretary, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, and EMAILED directly to Victoria McCauley at the address below.

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<sup>1</sup> See File Nos. 0000105209, 0000106362.

<sup>2</sup> In addition, if the Station uses accounting software to maintain financial records, provide printouts of the data recorded for this period.

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](mailto:victoria.mccauley@fcc.gov)).

Sincerely,

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