

FCC Violations Exhibit

As set forth in more detail in the Purpose of Amendment Exhibit, and pursuant to a recent involuntary assignment granted by the Commission, the license of KRCK-FM, Mecca, California (FCC Facility ID No. 52808, “Station”) is now held by the Bankruptcy Estate of Major Market Radio, LLC (the “Bankruptcy Estate”), which is controlled by Michael W. Carmel, Esq., as the Chapter 11 Trustee (“Trustee”) appointed by the bankruptcy court. This renewal application was originally filed by a former receiver appointed by a court, W. Lawrence Patrick, Receiver (“Patrick”), for a prior licensee of the Station, Major Market Radio, LLC (“Major Market”); Patrick was then removed as receiver, with the Station’s license assigned back to Major Market (now in bankruptcy) as a “Debtor in Possession” (“Major Market DIP”), before appointment of the Trustee for the Bankruptcy Estate.

Patrick responded “Yes” in response to the certification in the “FCC Violations During the Preceding License Term” question in the “Renewal Certification” section of the application. However, the Bankruptcy Estate is aware of Commission proceedings that may impact that certification, and therefore is changing that certification response to “No” and providing this responsive exhibit.

Specifically, on August 5, 2021 (a few days after the renewal application was filed, but still within the prior license term), the Commission issued two Notices of Violations (“NOVs”) to prior licensee Major Market, which were related to FM translators K238AK, Palm Desert, California (FCC Facility ID No. 147714) and K251BX, Palm Desert, California (FCC Facility ID No., 150925), respectively. See File Nos. EB-FIELDWR-21-00032486 and EB-FIELDWR-20-00030511, respectively. While these two NOVs did not relate specifically to the Station (as the certification question inquires), on January 25, 2022 (so shortly after the prior license term), the Commission issued a subsequent related letter of inquiry to Major Market that stated that it was based not only on the two NOVs issued related to the FM translators, but also to the Commission’s investigation of the Station as well; therefore, in caution, this exhibit is being provided. The Bankruptcy Estate and Trustee have just begun gathering information related to the NOVs and inquiry letter, but intend to cooperate with the Commission’s timely resolution of any issues related to the Station, the Commission’s investigation of the Station, and the pending renewal application.

The Bankruptcy Estate also notes that the inquiry letter raises potential character questions related to the prior licensee Major Market and its principal, Edward R. Stolz, II (“Mr. Stolz”); however, since Mr. Stolz no longer controls the licensee of the Station or its license, the Bankruptcy Estate has not changed the response to the certification on “Character Issues” nor provided an exhibit (but would do so if the Commission advises that would be appropriate).