



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

September 26, 2019

In reply refer to: 1800B3-VM

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

R & M Broadcasting, Inc.
413 Jefferson Street
Lafayette, LA 70501

In re: KJCB(AM), Lafayette, LA
Facility ID No. 54341

Operational Status Inquiry

Dear Licensee:

It has come to our attention that Station KJCB(AM), Lafayette, Louisiana (Station), licensed to R & M Broadcasting, Inc. (RMB) may be currently off the air. However, Commission records show that RMB has indicated that the Station is licensed and operating. Pursuant to Section 73.1740 of the Commission's Rules, RMB is required to clarify this matter in writing within thirty days of the date of this letter.

Our records show that a technical STA filed by RMB¹ on February 17, 2015, was granted on September 10, 2018 and expired on March 10, 2019. In April 2019, staff reached out to RMB and its engineer and was informed that RMB's principal, Jenelle Chargois, had died and that the Station was silent.² FCC Field engineers confirm that the Station is silent.³ 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 September 10, 2018. This evidence must indicate the location, effective radiated power and antenna height above ground level for **all periods of operation** from September 10, 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 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.⁴ You **must also include pictures** of the Station's studio facilities and transmission facilities during this timeframe, and provide exact Station coordinates.

¹ File No. BSTA-20150217AAR (granted on Sept.10, 2018, expired on March 10, 2019).

² See Email from Mike Patton, Engineer, to Joseph Szczesny, Engineer, Audio Division, Media Bureau, FCC (Jun 5, 2019, 12:02 EDT).

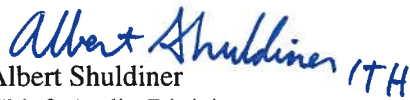
³ See Email from Dedrick Roybiskie, New Orleans Field Agent, Enforcement Bureau, FCC, to Joseph Szczesny, Engineer, Audio Division, Media Bureau, et al. (July 26, 2019, 9:42 EDT).

⁴ In addition, if the Station uses accounting software to maintain financial records, provide printouts of the data recorded for this period.

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.⁵

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,


Albert Shuldiner
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

⁵ See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).