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*In reply refer to: 1800B3-VM*

**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ms. Amanda Friedman  
P. O. Box 25387  
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**In re: WMYP(FM), Frederiksted, VI**  
Facility ID No. 82199

Operational Status Inquiry

Dear Licensee:

It has come to our attention that Station WMYP(FM), Frederiksted, Virgin Islands (Station), licensed to Amanda Friedman (Friedman), may be currently off the air or operating with unauthorized facilities. Pursuant to Section 73.1740 of the Commission's Rules, Friedman is required to clarify this matter in writing within 45 days of the date of this letter.

Our records show that on November 21, 2017, Friedman filed a request for Special Temporary Authority (STA) stating the following:

On September 20, 2017, Station WMYP went silent when Hurricane Maria caused severe damage and destruction to the station's transmitting facilities, including the collapse of the station's broadcast tower. In order to resume service to the public as quickly as possible, WMYP resumed operations on September 25, 2017, with reduced power from a temporary transmitter site described in the tech box of this request for special temporary authority ('STA'). The licensee regrets that this request was not filed sooner with the Commission, but there was no means of electronic communication available to the licensee in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Maria. The licensee intends to return WMYP to its licensed site (Mt. Stewart) with a new tower as soon as practicable. whether that can be accomplished within six months is simply not known at this time. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that STA be granted for WMYP to operate for six months with reduced power from the temporary facilities identified in this request.<sup>1</sup>

That STA was granted on November 30, 2017 and expired on May 29, 2018. No extensions of STA have been requested, and no notices of resumption of licensed operation have been filed. In the application for renewal of license filed on December 31, 2019, Licensee does not indicate that the Station was silent for any part of the license term.<sup>2</sup>

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**

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<sup>1</sup> File No. BSTA-20171121AAY, Exh. 4.

<sup>2</sup> File No. 94447.

**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 May 29, 2018. This evidence must indicate the location, effective radiated power and antenna height above ground level for **all periods of operation** from May 29, 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>3</sup> You **must also include pictures** of the Station's 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 Station's tower shall be maintained.<sup>4</sup>

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Albert Shuldiner" followed by a stylized monogram "H".

Albert Shuldiner  
Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Cary S. Tepper, Esq.

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<sup>3</sup> In addition, if the Station uses accounting software to maintain financial records, provide printouts of the data recorded for this period.

<sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).