

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU
December 7, 1988



CERTIFIED NO. P-508 665 557
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Grand Island Office
P. O. Box 1588
Grand Island, NE 68802-1588
Phone 308-382-4296

Good Life Radio, Inc.
1408 A Street
Aurora, NE 68818

NOTAM # 11072
Case Number 89-0204

Dear Sir:

This office has received notification that obstruction lights on a tower associated with your radio station KRDG-FM are not totally operational. This tower is located 16 miles southeast of O'Neill, Nebraska. You were contacted by the FAA Flight Service Station in Columbus, Nebraska, on December 5, 1988 regarding this matter. At that time you indicated that the top beacon is working, but is not flashing.

According to Section 17.48 of the FCC Rules and Regulations, the licensee of any radio station which has an antenna structure requiring illumination pursuant to Section 303(q) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, shall report immediately by telephone or telegraph to the nearest Flight Service Station or office of the Federal Aviation Administration any observed or otherwise known extinguishment or improper functioning of any top steady burning light or any flashing obstruction light, regardless of its position on the antenna structure, not corrected within 30 minutes. Additionally, as a Commission licensee you are required, in accordance with Section 17.56 of the Commission's Rules, to replace or repair lights as soon as practicable.

In order that this matter can be resolved with minimum delay, please continue to take whatever action is necessary to restore the lighting on your tower. Notify the FAA office in Columbus at 800-362-0799 as soon as the tower is relit. Reference NOTAM Number 11072 when you contact them. You are required to send a written report to this office by December 28, 1988. In your response you should provide this office with the following information:

1. Date and time that extinguishment of obstruction lighting was first observed.
2. Date and time that the nearest Flight Service Station or office of the Federal Aviation Administration was notified.

3. Cause of extinguishment of obstruction lighting.
4. Date that obstruction lighting returned to proper operating condition. If the lighting has not yet been repaired, list what actions are being taken and estimate when the work will be completed.
5. Date that the nearest Flight Service Station or office of the Federal Aviation Administration was notified that the obstruction lighting was returned to proper operating condition.

This information is being sought under Section 308(b) of the Communications Act which authorizes the Commission to seek information needed to determine whether licensees are qualified to retain their licenses. Failure to reply to this inquiry in the time specified above may result in revocation and/or suspension of your radio station license or a substantial monetary forfeiture as provided for in Section 503(b) of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended.

The Privacy Act of 1974, P.L. 93-579, December 31, 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552(e)(3) requires that we advise you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it, including the information disclosed in your reply to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to insure current and future rule compliance.

The knowing and willful making of any false statement or the concealment of any material fact in reply to this letter is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001. If you should have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at the number listed on page one weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Rebecca R. Willman

Rebecca R. Willman
Public Affairs Specialist

Enclosure
Part 17 Fact Sheet

KGRD

100,000 Watts Stereo

FM 105
Box 247
Orchard, NE 68764
(402) 338-5350

December 14, 1988

Rebecca R. Willman
Public Affairs Specialist
Federal Communications Commission
PO Box 1588
Grand Island, Nebraska 68802

Re: NOTAM #11072
Case Number 89-0204

Dear Ms. Willman:

In response to your letter of December 7, 1988, requesting information concerning the malfunction of the KGRD tower lights located 16 miles southeast of O'Neill, here is a report of the action taken by the operator on duty and measures taken to restore the lighting to its proper operating condition.

On November 16, 1988, during the early morning as the operator arrived for duty, he noticed the top beacon was out and the middle beacon not flashing. After attempting to repair the situation and not being successful, daylight arrived. A tower company was contacted to replace the beacon bulb and check the wiring. Informed by the tower company they could not come that day, but would come as soon as possible, the operator then contacted the FAA office in Columbus, NE regarding the inoperable lighting. The operator noted the FAA notification on the operating log, but the time was not indicated. He recalls it was sometime during the late morning after the tower company was contacted. We were in the process of making arrangements with another tower company when the tower climber arrived on December 1, 1988, to repair the lighting. The top beacon bulbs were replaced and were working, but the beacons were not flashing. It was discovered the flashing relays were shorted and two replacements had to be ordered from the tower manufacturer.

On December 5th, the FAA flight service station in Columbus called inquiring about the status of the tower lights. The caller was told by the operator that the top beacon was now working, but both beacons were not yet flashing.

On December 6, 1988, the flasher relays arrived from the manufacturer and were installed and returned the beacons and all other lights to proper operating condition. The FAA office was then called on December 6, approximately 4:30 p.m., notifying them of the proper operation of the KGRD tower lights. They have continued to work properly to date.

I realize we were negligent in not notifying the FAA service office within 30 minutes on November 16th, when the malfunction was observed. Action is being taken to assure all operators are knowledgeable regarding their responsibility in future lighting malfunctions.

I trust this will answer the requirements of the December 7th inquiry.

Sincerely,

Herb Roszhart
President

A Broadcast Station of GOOD LIFE RADIO, INC. • Herb Roszhart, *President*
1408 'A' Street, Aurora, NE 68818 • (402) 694-2836

HR:ar