

WFME (AM) NEW YORK, NY – SILENT NOTICE AND SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY REQUEST

AM STATION WFME (FIN: 29024) WENT SILENT ON 3/4/2024.

AS THE COMMISSION IS AWARE, FAMILY STATIONS, INC. (FSI) HAS BEEN WORKING TO RESOLVE ONGOING ISSUES WITH THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS IN/AT THE NEARBY GODDARD SCHOOL. DESPITE RIGOROUS EFFORTS, INCLUDING OPERATING AT A SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED POWER AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FILTERS, FSI HAS BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE FULLY SUCH ISSUES. AS A RESULT, SUCH EFFORTS HAVE BECOME OVERLY BURDENSOME AND COST PROHIBITIVE TO FSI. ADDITIONALLY, THE GODDARD SCHOOL RECENTLY CONTRACTED TO PURCHASE THE BUILDING AND TOWER SUPPORTING THE FACILITIES FROM WHICH THE STATION HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY OPERATING FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING ITS OWN FACILITIES. IN ORDER BOTH TO COMPLETELY RESOLVE THE TECHNICAL ISSUES WITH THE SCHOOL AND TO CLEAR THE BUILDING AS A RESULT OF THE SALE, FSI HAS TAKEN THE STATION SILENT WHILE IT CONTINUES ITS CONCERTED EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE OTHER TOWER LOCATIONS WHICH WOULD COMPLY WITH THE FCC'S TECHNICAL RULES AND ALLOW OPERATION AT FULL LICENSED POWER AND WHICH CAN BECOME A NEW PERMANENT SITE. FSI'S ENGINEERING CONSULTANT HAS FOUND SIX OR SEVEN POSSIBLE TOWER SITES (IN NEARBY COMMUNITIES SUCH AS CARLSTADT, RUTHERFORD, HACKENSACK, LYNDHURST, AND NORTH BERGEN, NEW JERSEY) AND EFFORTS TO EVALUATE THE SUITABILITY OF SUCH SITES ARE ONGOING.

UPON SUCCESSFUL IDENTIFICATION AND ASSURANCE OF A SUITABLE SITE, FSI WILL PREPARE AND FILE THE SUBSEQUENT REQUIRED FCC APPLICATION(S). IN THE INTERIM, THE LICENSEE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS FROM THE COMMISSION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO REMAIN SILENT.