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SAFE Boats International, LLC
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NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

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On February 8, 2013, in response to an interference complaint from AT&T Wireless affecting the frequency range of 824 MHz to 829 MHz in Bremerton, Washington, agents from the Seattle Office investigated the source of the radio frequency interference and determined that it was emanating from an in-building bi-directional amplifier (BDA)¹ installed at the SAFE Boats International's facility, 5650 Imperial Way, in Bremerton, Washington. During the interview with the Seattle agents, a SAFE Boats manager acknowledged the operation of a cellular BDA in this building.

Section 22.383 of the Commission's Rules,² which applies to Public Mobile Services licensees like AT&T Wireless, provides that "[l]icensees may install and operate in-building radiation systems without applying for authorization or notifying the FCC, provided that the locations of the in-building radiation systems are within the protected service area of the licensee's authorized transmitter(s) on the same channel or channel block." A licensee's authority to install a BDA does not, without further authorization from the licensee, permit a subscriber to install a BDA.

AT&T Wireless has informed the Commission that it did not provide you an authorization to install a BDA. Furthermore, Commission records show no license issued for operation of a radio station at this location in the 800 MHz band.

¹ Section 22.99 of the Commission's Rules defines "in-building radiation systems" as "[s]upplementary systems comprising of low power transmitters, receivers, indoor antennas and/or leaky coaxial cable radiators, designed to improve service reliability inside buildings or structures located within the service areas of stations in the Public Mobile Services. See 47 C.F.R. § 22.99.

² 47 C.F.R. § 22.383.

Operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid FCC authorization or license is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and may subject the responsible parties to substantial monetary forfeitures, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment.⁴ Because unlicensed operation creates a danger of interference to important radio communications services and may subject the operator to severe penalties, this warning emphasizes the importance of complying strictly with these legal requirements.

UNLICENSED OPERATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the FCC or have obtained consent from a licensed Common Carrier. To resolve the issue with respect to your authority to operate this device, and pursuant to Section 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,⁵ provide an explanation as to what has been done to correct the interference issue and to ensure that it will not recur; provide the equipment authorization for the equipment involved, and identify the make, model and serial number of each piece of equipment including the antennas if applicable.

Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Binh Nguyen
Acting District Director
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Western Region
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Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended
Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet", March 2005

³ 47 U.S.C. § 301.

⁴ See 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503, 510.

⁵ 47 U.S.C. § 403.