

Federal Communications Commission

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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American Airlines Group Inc.)	File No.: EB-FIELDWR-14-00017861
Licensee of Station WNCA631)	NOV No.: V201532960001
San Francisco, California)	
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: January 8, 2015

By the District Director, San Francisco Office, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's rules (Rules)¹ to American Airlines Group Inc., licensee of radio station WNCA631 in San Francisco, California. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation(s) noted herein.²

2. On October 30, 2014, in response to a complaint of interference from the Milpitas Fire Department, agents of the Enforcement Bureau's San Francisco Office investigated radio station WNCA631 located at San Francisco International Airport, and observed the following violations:

- a. 47 C.F.R. § 1.903(a): "*General rule.* Stations in the Wireless Radio Services must be used and operated only in accordance with the rules applicable to their particular service as set forth in this title and with a valid authorization granted by the Commission under the provisions of this part, except as specified in paragraph (b) of this section." At the time of the investigation, American Airlines was operating on 460.625 MHz, however, the WCNA631 license authorizes operation on 460.6625 MHz.
- b. 47 C.F.R. § 90.403(e): "Licensees shall take reasonable precautions to avoid causing harmful interference." At the time of investigation, American Airlines failed to correct its unauthorized transmission on 460.625 MHz, causing harmful interference to the Milpitas Fire Department.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

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- c. 47 C.F.R. § 90.403(g): “The radiations of the transmitter shall be suspended immediately upon detection or notification of a deviation from the technical requirements of the station authorization and until such deviation is corrected. For transmissions concerning the imminent safety-of-life or property, the transmissions shall be suspended as soon as the emergency is terminated.” An agent of the San Francisco Office notified the contact person for WNCA631 regarding its unauthorized operation on 460.625 MHz and the subsequent harmful interference caused to the Milpitas Fire Department land mobile radios and was asked to take immediate action. On November 25, 2014, the Milpitas Fire Department notified the San Francisco Office that it continued to receive interference. American Airlines failed to take immediate action or suspend its operation.

3. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, American Airlines Group Inc. must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.⁴

4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct American Airlines Group Inc. to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of American Airlines Group Inc. with personal knowledge of the representations provided in American Airlines Group Inc.’s response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,⁵ and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee’s possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.⁶

5. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the

³ 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

⁵ Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that “any document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : ‘I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)’.” 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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San Francisco Office
5653 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 105
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6. This Notice shall be sent to American Airlines Group Inc. at its address of record.

7. The Privacy Act of 1974⁷ requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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⁷ P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).