

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 18, 2009

Mr. Robert L. Coyle, Jr.
320 Langston Road
Perry, GA 31093

Re: Amateur Radio License WN5P
Warning Notice

Dear Mr. Coyle:

The trustees of WA4ORT and NM4W have requested, by letter dated January 14, 2009, that you refrain from use of these repeaters. The written request was issued as a result of your failure to follow operational rules set forth by the licensee/control operators of the repeater systems for their users. You were previously issued several requests to refrain from using the systems, but failed to comply with them necessitating the formal written request.¹ You have failed to comply with the formal written request as well as you were heard and recorded operating on the system more than a dozen times by the control operator and the club president since the January 14, 2009, letter was sent.

The Commission requires that repeaters be under the supervision of a control operator and not only expects, but requires, that such control operators be responsible for the proper operation of the repeater system. Control operators may take whatever steps they deem appropriate to ensure compliance with the repeater rules, including limiting the repeater use to certain users, converting the repeater to a closed repeater or taking it off the air entirely.

Please be advised that the Commission expects you to abide by the request of the control operator that you stay off of NM4W – and any other similar requests to cease operations on any other repeaters by any other repeater licensees, control operators or trustees.

¹ In an email dated January 8, 2009, Mr. Mike Besemer (the control operator) advised you that you were restricted from operating on the repeaters and, on January 13, 2009, you were confronted while on the WA4ORT repeater by Mr. Besemer and Mr. Scott Nolde (the club president) and again advised that you were prohibited from using the repeaters.

Use of WA4ORT or NM4W again after receipt of this letter could subject you to severe penalties, including license revocation, monetary forfeiture (fine)² or a modification proceeding to restrict the frequencies upon which you may operate.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith
Special Counsel

Cc: South Central Regional Director

² Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.