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March 26, 2004

Ms. Claudette Pride, Chief Revenue & Receivables Operations Group Room 1A821 Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

> Re: Earth Station E000646 FCC Reference: 04RE003682

Dear Ms. Pride:

This responds to your letter dated February 27, 2004, addressed to Franklin Communications, Inc. ("Franklin"). You state your research indicates that Franklin is licensee of Earth Station E000646, Melbourne, Florida. You state that the Commission has no record of Franklin's 2003 regulatory fee for Station E000646. For the Commission's convenience, we are attaching a copy of your February 27, 2004 letter. You advise that the current amount due is \$210.00 plus a 25% penalty of \$52.50 for a total due of \$262.50.

We have checked with our client, Franklin, and its ultimate parent, Saga Communications, Inc., and have been advised that Franklin does not own or operate Earth Station E000646. After speaking with a representative of the FCC's International Bureau, we were informed that Earth Station E000646 was licensed to another entity named "Franklin Communications, Inc.", in 2002. The FCC has an associated address of 4343 Fortune Place, Melbourne, Florida, marked to the attention of Mr. Thomas Grow. We checked the FCC's CORES database and found no Franklin Communications, Inc., listed in Melbourne, Florida.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Grow. Perhaps he can shed light on the matter.

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We hope this adequately responds to your February 27, 2003 letter. However, if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Gary S. Smithwick Counsel for Franklin Communications, Inc.

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Cc: Mr. Thomas Grow 4343 Fortune Place Melbourne, Florida 32904-1524



#### Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554 February 27, 2004

FRANKLIN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 73 Kercheval Avenue Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Re: 04RE003682

Dear Licensee:

This letter is in reference to the annual 2003 regulatory fee(s), which were due to the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) by no later than September 26, 2003. This is a mandatory fee established by Congress in accordance with The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. The fees are used to offset costs associated with the Commission's enforcement, public service, international and policy and rulemaking activities.

The Commission is currently verifying its FY 2003 regulatory fees collection to identify those regulatees who have not paid. Our research indicates that we have no record of your 2003 regulatory fee payment for the following Earth Station:

#### E000646

The amount now due is \$210.00 plus a 25% penalty of \$52.50 for late payment of the fee(s). The total amount now due is \$262.50. Payment in full should be remitted with the enclosed Form 159 to: Federal Communications Commission, P.O. Box 358835, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5835 within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. You should submit all payments that may be due including the 25% penalty for each Earth Station.

If payment has been made, please provide a complete copy of your submission including proof of payment. If you believe you are not obligated to pay under the Commission's rules, please submit complete documentation supporting your position within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. These documents should be sent to: Federal Communications Commission, Revenue & Receivables Operations Group, Room 1A821, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

You are cautioned that failure to respond and/or pay the penalty will subject you to further sanctions as defined by CFR. Section 1.1164 of our Rules. These sanctions include subjecting the delinquent payer's pending applications to dismissal, and may require a delinquent payer to show cause why its existing instrument of authorization should not be revoked. Further sanctions include interest charges, and the full cost of collection to the Federal Government pursuant to Section 3720A of the Internal Revenue Code and the provisions of the Debt Collection Act.

If you need further assistance, please contact the Revenue & Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

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Claudette Pride, Chief Revenue & Receivables Operations Group

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