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RE: WWCU(FM), Dillsboro, NC
Facility ID No. 184618
Silent since January 31, 2021
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Hartzell:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 4, 2021, on behalf of Western Carolina University (WCU), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WWCU to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that WCU stated that Station WWCU(FM) went silent on January 31, 2021, because it lost its programming source. The previous STA was granted on April 8, 2021, and expired on October 5, 2021. WCU requests extension of its STA while it continues to restore its programming source.

WCU's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WWCU(FM) to remain silent until January 31, 2022. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WWCU(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., February 1, 2022.**¹

WCU is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If WCU does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.²

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. It is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed.³

Sincerely,

Victoria McCauley
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¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² *Id.* In addition to filing a notification of resumption of operations electronically on the date operations resume, notification of resumption must also be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).