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RE: WSPS(FM), Bow, NH
Facility ID No. 172814
Silent since April 14, 2021
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Virtue:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 1, 2021, on behalf of New Hampshire Public Radio, Incorporated (NHPR), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WSPS to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that NHPR stated that Station WSPS(FM) went silent on April 14, 2021, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on June 7, 2021, and expired on December 4, 2021. NHPR requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

NHPR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WSPS(FM) to remain silent until April 14, 2022. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WSPS(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., April 15, 2022.**¹

NHPR is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If NHPR 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley".

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).