



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: KEOL(FM), La Grande, OR
Facility ID No. 54806
Silent since July 26, 2021
Request for Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 17, 2021, on behalf of Eastern Oregon University (EOU), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KEOL to remain silent.

EOU's request states that Station KEOL(FM) went silent on July 26, 2021, for financial reasons.

EOU's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KEOL(FM) to remain silent until July 26, 2022. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KEOL(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., July 27, 2022.**¹

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

Finally, section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority.⁴ This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. EOU failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station KEOL(FM) to remain silent beyond August 26, 2021, and the action taken herein shall

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).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4).

not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between August 26, 2021, and December 17, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Victoria McCauley
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