



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Sent via electronic mail

In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC

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RE: KHTW(AM), Lumberton, TX
Facility ID No. 31108
Silent since November 1, 2021
Request for Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 21, 2021, on behalf of Carlos Lopez (Lopez), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station KHTW to remain silent.

Lopez's request states that Station KHTW(AM) went silent on November 1, 2021, for technical reasons.

Lopez's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KHTW(AM) to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter.

Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KHTW(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., November 2, 2022.¹

Lopez is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If Lopez 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. Lopez failed to submit a timely request for an STA

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).

to permit Station KHTW(AM) to remain silent beyond December 1, 2021, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between December 1, 2021, and December 21, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Victoria McCauley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Victoria McCauley
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