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Notification of Suspension of Operations / Request for Silent STA Read Instructions/FAQ before filling out form		FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY FILE NO

Section I - General Information

1.	Legal Name of the Applicant William C. Gleich		
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	FCC Registration No 0030518898	Call Sign W263CD	Facility ID Number 140609
2.	Contact Representative (if other than licensee/permittee) Sally A. Buckman		Firm or Company Name Lerman Senter PLLC
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3.	Purpose: <input type="radio"/> Notification of Suspension of Operations <input type="radio"/> Notification of Suspension of Operations and Request for Silent STA <input checked="" type="radio"/> Request for Silent STA <input type="radio"/> Request to Extend STA <input type="radio"/> Resumption of Operations		
4.	Community of License: City: BOYNE CITY State: MI		
5.	Reason for going silent: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Technical <input type="radio"/> Financing <input type="radio"/> Staffing <input type="radio"/> Program Source <input type="radio"/> Other		
6.	Please provide a justification for the request		[Exhibit 1]
7.	Date Station has gone / will go silent: 03/01/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)		
8.	Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification. Applicant certifies that neither applicant nor any party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

I hereby certify that the statements in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge that all certifications and attached Exhibits are considered material representations.

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing William C. Gleich	Typed or Printed Title of Person Signing Owner/Licensee
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/01/22

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001), AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 503).

Exhibits

Exhibit 1

Description: See Attached

Attachment 1

Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification

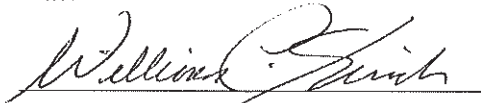
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 X YES NO

William C. Gleich
Printed Name of Person Signing

Owner/Licensee
Title

02/28/2022
Date


Signature

**Request for Silent STA and for Extension of License Under Section 312(g) of the
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended**

William C. Gleich (“Gleich”), licensee of FM translator station W263CD, Boyne City, Michigan (Facility ID 140609) (the “Translator Station”), hereby requests special temporary authority (“STA”) for the Translator Station to remain silent for a period of 120 days, through and including June 29, 2022, and for a concurrent extension of the Translator Station’s license under Section 312(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, through that same date, so as to permit Gleich to restore the Translator Station’s service to Boyne City, Michigan, a small community in rural northern Michigan. Gleich also requests that any other applicable Commission rules be waived to the extent necessary to grant this request.

Gleich purchased the Translator Station and its primary station, WFDX, Atlanta, Michigan, on July 27, 2021. *See* Notice of Consummation, FCC File. No. 0000154099. At that time, both WFDX and the Translator Station were silent due to the financial circumstances of the previous licensee. *See* BLSTA - 20210315AAI.¹ Through diligent and extensive efforts, Gleich was able to return WFDX to service on February 24, 2022. *See* Notice of Resumption of Service, filed Feb. 28, 2022. Due to circumstances beyond his control, however, Gleich has been unable to return the Translator Station to service.

Before the sale of WFDX and the Translator Station to Gleich, the previous owner of the stations sold the tower from which the Translator Station broadcasts to Crown Castle, and did not enter into a lease with Crown Castle for the translator transmitter site. Crown Castle removed the Translator Station’s equipment from service, including taking the antenna off the tower. Upon his acquisition of the Translator Station in July 2021, Gleich attempted to secure a Crown Castle-approved tower crew to reinstall the equipment before the onset of winter in northern Michigan, but these efforts were thwarted by the unavailability of tower crews due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During winter, the tower is entirely inaccessible; therefore, Gleich has been unable to restore the Translator Station to service.

Gleich is prepared to return the Translator Station to operation as soon as weather permits this spring. Gleich therefore respectfully requests authority for the station to remain silent, and a brief extension of the station’s license, for a period of 120 days.

Section 312(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, states:

If a broadcasting station fails to transmit signals for any consecutive 12-month period, then the station license granted for the operation of that broadcast station expires at the end of that period, notwithstanding any provision, term or condition of the license to the contrary, except that the Commission may extend

¹ The FCC granted the previous licensee a Silent STA on April 27, for a period of 180 days from March 1, 2021. Gleich did not file a request to extend the STA in August 2021, and regrets this inadvertent oversight.

or reinstate such station license if the holder of the station license prevails in an administrative or judicial appeal, the applicable law changes, or for any other reason to promote equity and fairness.

In this instance, the Translator Station has been unable to broadcast through no fault of Gleich. Gleich only assumed control of the Translator Station in July 2022, and since then has diligently attempted to return it to service, but the combination of the COVID-19 pandemic and the onset of winter in northern Michigan has made resumption operations impossible. As noted above, however, Gleich did return the Translator Station's primary station, WFDX, to service, thus demonstrating Gleich's commitment to the restoration of full operations. The circumstances preventing resumption of the Translator Station's service are clearly outside of Gleich's control. Gleich has used his best efforts to return the Translator Station to licensed operation.

Consequently, a license extension under Section 312(g) would be consistent with the public interest. The requested extension of license would serve the public interest by helping to ensure that the Translator Station returns to operation and recommences broadcast service to listeners in rural Boyne City, Michigan.