



Federal Communications Commission
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RE: **K296FI, Pierre, SD**
Facility ID No. 149245
Silent since August 15, 2021
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Mason:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 25, 2022, on behalf of James River Broadcasting Company (JRB), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K296FI to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that JRB stated that Station K296FI went silent on August 15, 2021, because it lost its programming source. The previous STA was granted on October 27, 2021, and expired on April 25, 2022. JRB requests extension of its STA because it continues searching for a programming source.

JRB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K296FI to remain silent until August 15, 2022. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K296FI will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 16, 2022.**¹

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

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.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and last name "McCauley" clearly distinguishable.

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