

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554**

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**IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-DW**

Kenneth C. Hill, President
Appalacian Educational Communication Corporation
P.O. Box 2061
Bristol, TN 37621-2061

In re: WITM(AM), Marion, VA
Facility ID No. 19478
Silent Since June 14, 2009
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Hill:

This letter concerns your request, filed on June 15, 2009, on behalf of Appalacian Educational Communication Corporation ('AECC'), for Special Temporary Authority to permit Station WITM(AM) to remain silent.

AECC's request states that WITM(AM) went silent on June 14, 2009, due to financial difficulties. AECC's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

AECC's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WITM(AM) to remain silent for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for WITM(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. June 15, 2010.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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

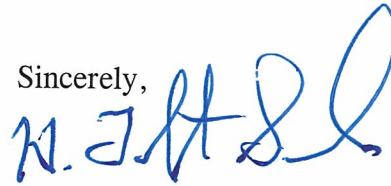
¹ In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter .

²Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:

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applications for renewal of broadcast license. Finally, we note that 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. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Taft Snowdon", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau