

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

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

Javier Macias, President  
Azteca Communications of Alabama, Inc.  
1800 Lake Park Drive  
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Smyrna, GA 30080

**In re: WGTA(AM), Summerville, GA**  
Facility ID No. 67648  
Silent Since December 3, 2008  
Request For Special Temporary  
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Macias:

This letter concerns the request, filed on July 14, 2009, on behalf of Azteca Communications of Alabama, Inc. ("ACA"), for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to permit Station WGTA(AM) to remain silent.

ACA's request states that WGTA(AM) went silent on December 3, 2008, due to financial distress. ACA's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

ACA's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WGTA(AM) to remain silent not to exceed December 3, 2009. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for WGTA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. on December 4, 2009.**<sup>1</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be electronically filed or 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 stations' tower shall be maintained. *See* 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Finally, the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1740(a)(4), permit licensees to discontinue operations for good cause and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority, provided that the licensee notify the Commission by letter "not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or discontinued operations" and if operations are not able to commence by that time, "informal written request shall be made to the FCC no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary. Azteca Communications of Alabama, Inc. recognizes that it failed to timely submit a request for an STA to permit WGTA(AM) to remain silent beyond December 3, 2008, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between December 3, 2008, and July 14, 2009.

Sincerely,



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Audio Services Division  
Mass Media Bureau

cc: Dan J. Alpert, Esquire