

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

**December 30, 2009**

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

Mr. Chuck Statler, Vice President  
Partnership Broadcasting  
P.O. Box 4282  
Abilene, Texas 79604

**In re: KEAS(AM), Eastland, TX**  
Facility ID No. 70621  
Silent Since August 18, 2009  
Request For Special Temporary  
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Statler

This letter concerns the request, filed on September 25, 2009, on behalf of Partnership Broadcasting ("PB"), for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to permit Station KEAS(AM) to remain silent.

PB's request states that KEAS(AM) went silent on August 18, 2009, due to equipment failure. PB's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

PB's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KEAS(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 KEAS(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. on August 19, 2010.**<sup>2</sup> See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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

<sup>2</sup> Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be electronically filed or mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission  
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room 2-B450  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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 application 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).

Sincerely,

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

H. Taft Snowdon  
Supervisory Attorney  
Audio Services Division  
Mass Media Bureau