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

October 10, 2007

Mr. Gregory T. Todd, Superintendent
Hyde County Schools
1430 Main Street, P.O. Box 217
Swan Quarter, North Carolina 27885

In re: WHYC(FM), Swan Quarter, NC
Facility ID No. 28177
Silent Since September 5, 2006
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Todd:

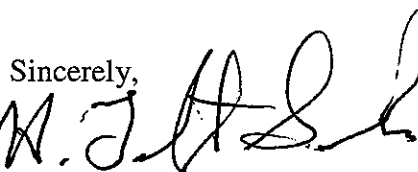
This letter concerns the request, filed on September 25, 2007, and supplemented on October 5, 2007, on behalf of Hyde County Board of Education ("Hyde County"), for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to FM Station WHYC to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that WHYC(FM) went silent on September 5, 2006, due to the failure of the station's transmitter. On September 11, 2006, Hyde County requested an STA for the station to remain silent while it explored methods of returning the station to the air. The STA was granted on October 13, 2006, and expired on April 13, 2007. On May 31, 2007, Hyde County's requested an extension of its STA and indicated that it had purchased and installed a new transmitter; that it would purchase and install an Emergency Alert System; and that it hoped to return WHYC(FM) to the air within two months. The STA was granted on June 1, 2007, and expired on September 5, 2007. Hyde County's current request for an STA states that the new transmitter was installed and tested on March 21, 2007, but that two surge suppressors it received were not compatible with the transmitter and had to be returned. Hyde County further indicates that its consulting engineer retired and his replacement resigned shortly after he was hired. As a result, Hyde states that it has turned to another college for technical assistance in returning WHYC(FM) to the air. Hyde County also says that after installation of the station's amplifier, it was discovered that the station suffered damage from a lightning strike. Finally, Hyde County states that in order to reduce the risk of further lightning damage, it intends to install a wireless studio-transmitter link. Hyde County says that it expects to complete this project and have the station operational by April 2, 2008. Hyde County's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Hyde County's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit FM Station WHYC to remain silent not to exceed April 1, 2008.

Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for WHYC(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. on April 2, 2008.¹ 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 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. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,


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Audio Division
Media Bureau

¹ Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must either be electronically filed or mailed to:

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