

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

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June 1, 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 Extension of  
Special Temporary  
Authority To Remain Silent**

Dear Mr. Todd:

This letter concerns the request, filed on May 31, 2007, on behalf of Hyde County Board of Education ("Hyde County"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to FM Station WHYC to remain silent.

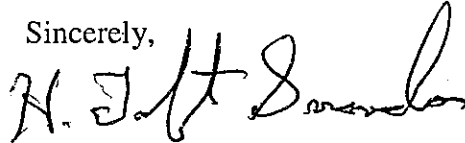
Commission records reflect that WHYC(FM) went silent on September 5, 2006, due to the failure of the station's transmitter. On September 11, 2006, Hyde County requested an STA for the station to remain silent while it explored methods of returning the station to the air. The STA was granted on October 13, 2006, and expired on April 13, 2007. Hyde County's request for an extension of its STA states that it has purchased and installed a new transmitter and that it will purchase and install an Emergency Alert System. Hyde County further indicates that it hopes to return WHYC(FM) to the air within the next two months. 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 September 5, 2007. **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 September 6, 2007.<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 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,



H. Taft Snowdon  
Supervisory Attorney  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

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<sup>1</sup> Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must either be electronically filed or mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission  
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445 12th Street, S.W.  
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