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28177

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

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

October 13, 2006

Mr. Donald G. Everist  
Cohen, Dippell and Everist, P.C.  
1300 L Street, N.W.  
Suite 1100  
Washington, D. C. 20005

**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. Everist:

This letter concerns the request, filed on September 11, 2006, and supplemented on September 27, 2006, and October 12, 2006, on behalf of Hyde County Board of Education ("Hyde County"), for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to FM Station WHYC to remain silent.

Hyde County's request states that WHYC(FM) went silent on September 5, 2006, due to the failure of the station's transmitter. Hyde County further indicates that the transmitter manufacturer is no longer in business and that replacement parts for the transmitter are not available. Accordingly, Hyde County requests authority for the station to remain silent for 180 days while it explores options for returning the station to the air. Hyde County's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

Hyde County's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit FM Station WHYC 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 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>2</sup> See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

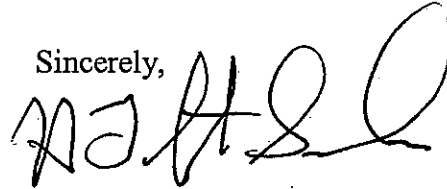
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<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

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

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Taft Snowdon', written in a cursive style.

H. Taft Snowdon  
Supervisory Attorney  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau