

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

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

February 4, 2010

Richard J. Samson, Trustee
310 West Spruce
Missoula, MT 59802

In re: KGEZ(AM), Kalispell, MT
Facility ID No. 60575
Silent Since September 24, 2009

Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Samson:

This letter concerns your request, filed on October 23, 2009, for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Station KGEZ to remain silent.

Your request states that KGEZ(AM) went silent on September 24, 2009, due to bankruptcy proceedings concerning the previous licensee. Your request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Your request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KGEZ(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 KGEZ(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. , September 25 , 2010.**² 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

¹ In the event extension of Special Temporary Authority is sought, please renew the certification in this manner.

² Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:
Federal Communications Commission
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room 2-B450
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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 until removed. 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Steven C. Schaffer, Esq.