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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-KAW

Wolfgang Kurtz
Alaska Educational Radio Systems, Inc.
33282 Brown's Lake Road
Soldotna, AK 99669

In re: KWMD(FM), Sterling, AK
Facility ID No. 93589
Silent Since May 13, 2010
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

This letter concerns the request, filed on May 10, 2010, on behalf of Alaska Educational Radio Systems, Inc., for Special Temporary Authority to permit Station KWMD(FM) to remain silent.

Alaska Educational Radio Systems, Inc.'s request states that KWMD(FM) would go silent on May 13, 2010, due to the relocation of its main studio. Alaska Educational Radio Systems, Inc.'s request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Alaska Educational Radio Systems, Inc.'s request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KWMD(FM) to remain silent for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for KWMD(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. May 14, 2011.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

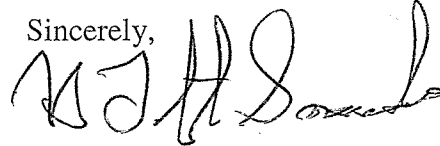
¹ In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter .

²Notification 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

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

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau