

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-FMH

James S. Bumpous
d/b/a Big Bend Broadcasting
HC68 Box 868
Mimbres, NM 88049

In re: K270AS, Williamsburg, NM
Facility ID No. 147748
Silent Since July 19, 2010
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Bumpous:

This letter concerns the request, filed on July 20, 2010, on behalf of Big Bend Broadcasting ("BBB") for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station K270AS to remain silent.

BBB's request states that K270AS went silent on July 19, 2010, due to the loss of its studio site. BBB's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

BBB's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K270AS 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 K270AS will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. July 20, 2011.**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 broadcast license. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the

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

² Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:

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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', written in a cursive style.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Lee J. Peltzman, Esq.