

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

September 22, 2010

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

Alan S. Cureton  
Northwestern College  
3003 Snelling Avenue North  
Saint Paul, MN 55113-1598

**In re: WSMR(FM), Sarasota, FL**  
Facility ID No. 64255  
Silent Since August 4, 2010  
Request For Special Temporary  
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Cureton:

This letter concerns the request, filed on August 30, 2010, on behalf of Northwestern College ("Northwestern"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Station WSMR to remain silent.

Northwestern's request states that WSMR(FM) went silent on August 4, 2010, due to relocation of its transmitter site. Northwestern's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

Northwestern's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit FM Station WSMR(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 WSMR(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. August 5, 2011.**<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 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 Snowden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." being particularly prominent.

H. Taft Snowden  
Supervisory Attorney  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: John R. Wilner, Esq