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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554

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1800B3-KLJ

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Ira Littman  
Acme Broadcasting South, Inc.  
2505 Thonotosassa Road #172  
Plant City, FL 33563

In re: WQMS(AM), Quitman, MS  
Facility ID No. 54325  
Silent Since July 1, 2010

Request For Special Temporary  
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Littman:

This letter concerns the request, filed on August 30, 2010, on behalf of Acme Broadcasting South, Inc. ("Acme"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Station WQMS to remain silent.

Acme's request states that WQMS(AM) went silent on July 1, 2010, due to technical problems. Acme's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

Acme's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WQMS(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 WQMS(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., July 2, 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 manner.

<sup>2</sup> Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:  
Federal Communications Commission  
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room 2-B450  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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).

Finally, the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1740(a)(4), permit licensees to discontinue operations for good cause and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority, provided that the licensee notify Commission by letter "not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or discontinued operations" and if operations are not able to commence by that time, "informal written request shall be made to the FCC no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary. Acme failed to timely submit a request for a STA to permit WQMS(AM) to remain silent beyond July 1, 2010, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between July 1, 2010, and August 30, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penelope H. Dade".Handwritten initials "HTS" in a cursive style.

H. Taft Snowdon  
Supervisory Attorney  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau