

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

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

December 7, 2010

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

In re: W280DW, Brandon, FL
Facility ID No. 139236
Silent Since August 4, 2010

Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Cureton:

This letter concerns the request, filed on October 12, 2010, on behalf of Northwestern College ("Northwestern"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W280DW to remain silent.

Northwestern's request states that W280DW went silent on August 4, 2010, due to the silence of the station's primary station. Northwestern's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Northwestern's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W280DW 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 W280DW will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., August 5, 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 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

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 10th 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 30th day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary. Northwestern failed to timely submit a request for a STA to permit W280DW to remain silent beyond August 4, 2010, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between August 4, 2010, and October 12, 2010.

Sincerely,



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Media Bureau

cc: John R. Wilner, Esq.