

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

January 12, 2011

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

Gary M. Brown
Middle Tennessee State University
P.O. Box 3
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

In re: W223BE, Bluhmtown, TN
Facility ID No. 147643
Silent Since November 8, 2010

Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter concerns the request, filed on November 16, 2010, on behalf of Middle Tennessee State University, for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W223BE to remain silent.

Middle Tennessee State University's request states that W223BE went silent on November 8, 2010, due to technical problems. Middle Tennessee State University's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Middle Tennessee State University's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit FM Translator Station W223BE 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 W223BE will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. on November 9, 2011.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

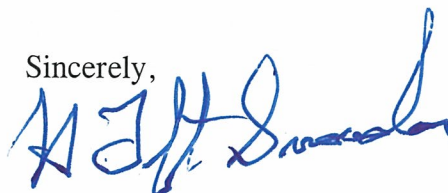
¹ In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter .

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).

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