

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

July 27, 2011

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

Tolliver C. Callison, III
Friends of Public Radio, Inc.
254 North Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401-3920

In re: W255BZ, Myrtle Beach, SC
Facility ID No. 147982
Silent since July 15, 2011

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Callison:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 18, 2011, on behalf of Friends of Public Radio, Inc. ("FPR") for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W255BZ to remain silent.

FPR's request states that Station W255BZ went silent on June 17, 2011, because it lost its tower lease. FPR's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

FPR's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W255BZ 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 Station W255BZ will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., June 16, 2012.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 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-VM, 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. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Taft Snowdon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Malcolm G. Stevenson, Esq.