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

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1800B3-VM

Gregory J. Smith South Sound Broadcasting, LLC P.O. Box 53248 Bellevue, WA 98015-3248

> In re: K249DX, Redmond, WA Facility ID No. 149955

Silent since November 1, 2010

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 9, 2011, on behalf of South Sound Broadcasting, LLC ("SSB"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station K249DX to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SSB stated that Station K249DX went silent on November 1, 2010, due to the loss of its antenna in a windstorm. The previous STA was granted on November 22, 2010, and expired on May 21, 2011. SSB requests extension of its STA because it continues to have difficulties replacing its antenna. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

SSB's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K249DX to remain silent not to exceed November 1, 2011. Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K249DX will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., November 2, 2011. See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In addition to filing electronically with the Commission on the date operations resume, notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to <u>Denise.Williams@FCC.gov</u>.

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,

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