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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Carl I. Conner, Jr.
Davis Broadcasting, Inc. of Columbus
2203 Wynnton Road
Columbus, GA 31902

In re: WIOL(AM), Columbus, GA
Facility ID No. 47088
Silent Since February 14, 2011
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Conner:

This letter concerns your request, filed on February 23, 2011, on behalf of Davis Broadcasting, Inc. of Columbus ("Davis") for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Station WIOL to remain silent.

Davis' request states that WIOL(AM) went silent on February 14, 2011, due to vandalism at its transmitter site. Davis' request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Davis' request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WIOL(AM) to remain silent not to exceed February 14, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for WIOL(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., February 15, 2012.**¹ See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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

¹ In addition to filing electronically with the Commission on the date operations resume, notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Howard A. Topel, Esq.
