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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1800B3-DW

Bob Woodward, Receiver Spirit of Alaska Broadcasting Inc. 2200 East Parks Highway Wasilla, AK 99654

In re: KMBQ(AM), Wasilla, AK
Facility ID No. 161023
Silent Since January 23, 2011
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Woodward:

This letter concerns your request, filed on January 22, 2011, on behalf of Spirit of Alaska Broadcasting Inc. ("Spirit") for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Station KMBQ to remain silent.

Spirit's request states that KMBQ(AM) went silent on January 23, 2011, due to severe weather conditions. Spirit's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Spirit's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KMBQ(AM) to remain silent not to exceed January 23, 2012. Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for KMBQ(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., January 24, 2012. 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 o resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to <u>Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.</u>

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,

H. Taft Snowdon Supervisory Attorney Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Richard R. Zaragoza, Esq.