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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1800B3-FMH

Kevin Terry The Montana Radio Company, LLC 2425 W. Central Ave, Suite 203 Missoula, MT 59801

> In re: KIMO(FM), Great Falls, MT Facility ID No. 83110 Silent Since May 25, 2011

> > Request For Special Temporary Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Terry:

This letter concerns the request, filed on May 27, 2011, on behalf of The Montana Radio Company, LLC ("Montana"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Station KIMO to remain silent.

Montana's request states that KIMO(FM) went silent on May 25, 2011, due to the construction of a new broadcast facility. Montana's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Montana's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit FM Station KIMO to remain silent not to exceed May 24, 2012. Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for KIMO(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., May 26, 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 renewal of broadcast license. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the

¹ 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. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

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cc: David O'Neil, Esq.