

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

November 14, 2011

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

G.T. Smith
Board of Trustees, Davis & Elkins College
100 Campus Drive
Elkins, WV 26241

In re: WCDE(FM), Elkins, WV
Facility ID No. 4298
Silent since April 7, 2011

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear President Smith:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 5, 2011, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Davis & Elkins College ("DEC"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Radio Station WCDE to remain silent.

DEC's request states that Station WCDE(FM) went silent on April 7, 2011, due to a decrease in student staffing availability. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

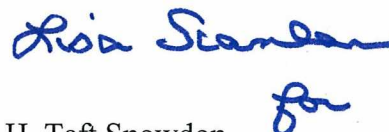
DEC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WCDE(FM) to remain silent until April 7, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WCDE(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., April 8, 2012.**¹ See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 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. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Scandran".

H. Taft Snowdon
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Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Ellen Mandell Edmundson, Esq.