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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Janine Marr
New England College
98 Bridge Street
Henniker, NH 03242

In re: WNEC-FM, Henniker, NH
Facility ID No. 48405
Silent Since September 6, 2011
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Marr:

This letter concerns your request, filed on September 19, 2011, on behalf of New England College ("NEC") for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Station WNEC to remain silent.

NEC's request states that WNEC-FM went silent on September 6, 2011, due to lack of staffing. Your request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

NEC's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WNEC-FM to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for WNEC-FM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., September 7, 2012.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

¹ In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

² 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.

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,

Handwritten signature of Lisa Scanlan in blue ink.

for
H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau