

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

December 5, 2011

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

Christopher Bydalek  
Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc.  
33281 Brown's Lake Road  
Soldotna, AK 99669

**In re: KRAW(FM), Kasilof, AK**  
Facility ID No. 93248  
Silent since April 24, 2011

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Bydalek:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 20, 2011, on behalf of Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc. ("AER"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Radio Station KRAW to remain silent.

AER's request states that Station KRAW(FM) went silent on April 24, 2011, because of staffing problems. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

AER's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KRAW(FM) to remain silent until April 24, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KRAW(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., April 25, 2012.**<sup>2</sup> 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 renewal of broadcast license. Additionally, 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).

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority. See 47 C.F.R. §73.1740(a)(4). This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter "not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or discontinued operations," and if operations are not able to commence by the 10<sup>th</sup>

---

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

<sup>2</sup> 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](mailto:Denise.Williams@FCC.gov).

day, "informal written request shall be made to the FCC no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary." AER acknowledges that it failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station KRAW(FM) to remain silent beyond May 24, 2011. However, the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between May 24, 2011, and September 20, 2011.

Sincerely,



Lisa A. Scanlan  
Assistant Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau