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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Scott A. Gray
Gray Media Corporation
1031 Hickory Creek Drive
Alexander, AR 72002

In re: **KTFS(AM), Texarkana, TX**
Facility ID No. 33542
Silent since December 21, 2011

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Gray:

This letter concerns the request you filed on January 9, 2012, on behalf of Ark-La-Tex, LLC ("Ark"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station KTFS to remain silent.

Ark's request states that Station KTFS(AM) went silent on December 21, 2011, due to vandalism to its tower site. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Ark's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KTFS(AM) 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 Station KTFS(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., December 22, 2012.**² 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. 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,



Lisa A. Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

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.