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In re: **W255BZ, Myrtle Beach, SC**
Facility ID No. 147982
Silent since July 15, 2011

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 3, 2012, on behalf of Friends of Public Radio, Inc. ("FPR"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W255BZ to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that FPR stated that Station W255BZ went silent on July 15, 2011, due to loss of its tower lease. The previous STA was granted on July 27, 2011, and expired on January 23, 2012. FPR requests extension of its STA pending a proposed change of its transmitter site. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

FPR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W255BZ to remain silent until July 15, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W255BZ will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., July 16, 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 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,



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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.