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In re: W250BM, Cullman AL
Facility ID No. 150863
Silent since July 14, 2011

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Lipp:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 10, 2012, on behalf of RAMS II, for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Radio Station W250BM to remain silent.

RAMS II's request states that Station W250⁶BM went silent on July 14, 2011, for financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

RAMS II's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W250BM to remain silent until July 14, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W250BM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., July 15, 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. 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 10th day of limited or discontinued operations," and if operations are not able to commence by the 10th day, "informal written request shall be made to the FCC no later than the 30th day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary." RAMS II failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station

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.

W250BM to remain silent beyond August 14, 2011, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between August 14, 2011 and February 10, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Scanlan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Scanlan" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa A. Scanlan
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