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In re: WDDE(FM), Dover, DE
Facility ID No. 175387
Silent since April 13, 2012

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Virtue:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 20, 2012, on behalf of Delaware First Media Corporation ("DFM"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Radio Station WDDE to remain silent.

DFM's request states that Station WDDE(FM) went silent on April 13, 2012, pending completion of a new main studio. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

DFM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WDDE(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 Station WDDE(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., April 14, 2013.**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
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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.