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**In re: WBVA(AM), Bayside, VA**  
Facility ID No. 84068  
Silent since April 19, 2012

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request filed on April 20, 2012, on behalf of Birach Broadcasting Corporation ("BBC"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station WBVA to remain silent.

BBC's request states that Station WBVA(AM) went silent on April 19, 2012, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

BBC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WBVA(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 WBVA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., April 20, 2013.**<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. 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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<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).