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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1800B3-VM

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In re: WMXG(FM), Stephenson, MI Facility ID No. 51159 Silent since April 25, 2012

Request for Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Moline:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 4, 2012, on behalf of Escanaba License Corporation ("ELC"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Radio Station WMXG to remain silent.

ELC's request states that Station WMXG(FM) went silent on April 25, 2012, due to transmitter failure. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

ELC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WMXG(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 WMXG(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., April 26, 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,

Ria Sando -

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 <u>Denise.Williams@FCC.gov</u>.