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IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-FMH

Wolfgang Kurtz
Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc.
33282 Brown's Lake Road
Soldotna, AK 99669

In re: **KABN-FM, Kasilof, AK**
Facility ID No. 93588
Silent since March 26, 2012

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FCC Mail Room

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 29, 2012, on behalf of Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc. ("AER"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit Radio Station KABN-FM to remain silent.

AER's request states that Station KABN-FM went silent on March 26, 2012, due to severe windstorm damage to the station. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

AER's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KABN-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 KABN-FM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., March 27, 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. 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).

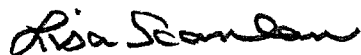
Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority. See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4). This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter "not later than the 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." AER 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.

KABN-FM to remain silent beyond April 26, 2012, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between April 26, 2012, and May 29, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black 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
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau