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**In re: W239AP, Mobile, AL**  
Facility ID No. 150911  
Silent since December 1, 2011

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 4, 2012, on behalf of 550 AM, Inc. ("550 AM"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W239AP to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that 550 AM stated that Station W239AP went silent on December 1, 2011, due to the loss of its programming source. The previous STA was granted on March 9, 2012, and expired on September 5, 2012. 550 AM requests extension of its STA pending the grant of its application for assignment of its station license (BALFT-20120719AAJ). The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

550 AM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W239AP to remain silent until December 1, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W239AP will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., December 2, 2012.<sup>1</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. 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 Scanlan  
Assistant Chief, Audio Division  
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<sup>1</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.