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In re: WTID(FM), Thomaston, AL
Facility ID No. 85767
Silent since January 22, 2012

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Lipp:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 28, 2012, on behalf of Great South Wireless, LLC ("GSW"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Radio Station WTID to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that GSW stated that Station WTID (FM) went silent on January 22, 2012, pending a proposed change of its transmitter site. The previous STA was granted on March 1, 2012, and expired on August 28, 2012. GSW requests extension of its STA due to technical problems. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

GSW's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WTID to remain silent until January 22, 2013. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WTID(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., January 23, 2013.**¹ 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 Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
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¹ 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.