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In re: K296BP, Ephrata, Etc., WA
Facility ID No. 52277
Silent since January 14, 2012

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Zaragoza:


This letter concerns the request you filed on August 30, 2012, on behalf of Centro Familiar Cristiano ("CFC"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station K296BP to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that CFC stated that Station K296BP went silent on January 14, 2012, due to programming issues. The previous STA was granted on March 5, 2012, and expired on September 1, 2012. CFC requests extension of its STA due to continued programming issues. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

CFC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K296BP to remain silent until January 14, 2013. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K296BP will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., January 15, 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
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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.