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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1800B3-FMH

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> In re: WWES(FM), Mount Kisco, NY Facility ID No. 176621 Silent since October 29, 2012

> > Request for Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Miller:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 26, 2012, on behalf of WAMC ("WAMC"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Radio Station WWES to remain silent.

WAMC's request states that Station WWES(FM) went silent on October 29, 2012, due to technical problems. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

WAMC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WWES(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 WWES(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., October 30, 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,

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Lisa 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>.