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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1800B3-FMH

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> In re: W233BE, Richmond Center, ME Facility ID No. 145328 Silent since November 14, 2012

> > Request for Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Petro:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 21, 2012, on behalf of Light of Life Ministries, Inc. ("LLM"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Radio Station W233BE to remain silent.

LLM's request states that Station W233BE went silent on November 14, 2012, due to interference issues with another station. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

LLM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W233BE 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 W233BE will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., November 15, 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,

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>.