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**In re: KMUL-FM, Muleshoe, TX**  
Facility ID No. 61586  
Silent since May 1, 2012

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Powell:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 19, 2012, on behalf of Tallgrass Broadcasting, LLC ("TB"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit Station KMUL-FM to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that TB stated that Station KMUL-FM went silent on May 1, 2012, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on July 9, 2012, and expired on January 5, 2013. TB requests extension of its STA due to continued financial problems. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

TB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KMUL-FM to remain silent until May 1, 2013. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KMUL-FM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., May 2, 2013.<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.