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In re: **WBVA(AM), Bayside, VA**
Facility ID No. 84068
Silent since April 19, 2012

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 19, 2012, on behalf of Birach Broadcasting Corporation ("BBC"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station WBVA to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that BBC stated that Station WBVA(AM) went silent on April 19, 2012, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on May 31, 2012, and expired on November 27, 2012. BBC requests extension of its STA for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

BBC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WBVA(AM) to remain silent until April 19, 2013. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WBVA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., April 20, 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. 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.