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In reply refer to: 1800B3-VM

Mr. Wolfgang Kurtz Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc. 35035 Ansel St. S Soldotna, AK 99669

> In re: KABN-FM, Kasilof, AK Facility ID No. 93588 Silent since March 25, 2013

> > Request for Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 17, 2013, on behalf of Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc. ("AERS"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit Station KABN-FM to remain silent.

AERS's request states that Station KABN-FM went silent on March 25, 2013, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

AERS's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KABN-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 KABN-FM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., March 26, 2014.² 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. 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,

Risa Landon

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 Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.