

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In reply refer to:
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In re: WMBZ(FM), Waynesboro, TN
Facility ID No. 171033
Silent since September 19, 2012

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Simpson:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 1, 2013, on behalf of George S. Flynn ("Flynn"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Radio Station WMBZ to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that Flynn stated that Station WMBZ(FM) went silent on September 19, 2012, due to programming issues. The previous STA was granted on November 13, 2012, and expired on May 12, 2013. Flynn requests extension of its STA because of continued programming issues. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

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

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.