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**In re: KTUM(FM), Tatum, NM**  
Facility ID No. 88798  
Silent since November 25, 2013

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Tepper:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 19, 2013, on behalf of MTD, Inc. ("MTD"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Radio Station KTUM to remain silent.

MTD's request states that Station KTUM(FM) went silent on November 25, 2013, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

MTD's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KTUM(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 KTUM(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., November 26, 2014.**<sup>2</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. 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  
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<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

<sup>2</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](mailto:Denise.Williams@FCC.gov).