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In re: WTOU(AM), Battle Creek, MI
Facility ID No. 37459
Silent since July 3, 2014

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Neely:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 3, 2014, on behalf of Midwest Communications, Inc. ("MCI"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station WTOU to remain silent.

MCI's request states that Station WTOU(AM) went silent on July 3, 2014, pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

MCI's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WTOU(AM) 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 WTOU(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., July 4, 2015.**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,



Lisa Scanlan
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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.