

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Ms. Ellen E. Frazee
4 Whittier Drive
Acton, MA 01720

In re: **WVCB(AM), Shallotte, NC**
Facility ID No. 31573
Silent since December 24, 2014

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Frazee:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 14, 2015, on behalf of WVCB Radio, Inc. ("WVCB"), for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to permit AM Radio Station WVCB to remain silent.

WVCB's request states that Station WVCB(AM) went silent on December 24, 2014, because it lost its programming source. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

WVCB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WVCB(AM) to remain silent until December 24, 2015. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WVCB(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., December 25, 2015.**¹

WVCB is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.² If WVCB does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.

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.³

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority.⁴ This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² In addition to filing a notification of resumption of operations electronically on the date operations resume, notification of resumption must also be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4).

limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. WVCB failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station WVCB(AM) to remain silent beyond January 24, 2015, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between January 24, 2015, and May 14, 2015.

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan
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Media Bureau