

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Mr. Don Davis
Vanguard Media LLC
809 Wellesley N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87106

In re: KQNM(AM), Albuquerque, NM
Facility ID No. 4705
Silent since September 30, 2015

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 16, 2015, on behalf of Vanguard Media LLC ("Vanguard"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station KQNM to remain silent.

Vanguard's request states that Station KQNM(AM) went silent on September 30, 2015, because Vanguard is preparing the facility for sale and discontinuing programming to enable the preparations. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Vanguard's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KQNM(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 KQNM(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., October 1, 2016.**²

Vanguard is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If Vanguard 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.³

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

¹ In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

³ 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Scanlan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Scanlan" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau