

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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**IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Pastor Clyde I. Eborn
Grace Missionary Baptist Church d/b/a Grace
Christian School
520 Roberts Road
Newport, NC 28570-8616

In re: WVBS(AM), Burgaw, NC
Facility ID No. 24711
Silent since October 12, 2015

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Pastor Eborn:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 2, 2016, on behalf of Grace Missionary Baptist Church d/b/a Grace Christian School (“Grace”), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station WVBS to remain silent.

Grace’s request states that Station WVBS(AM) went silent on October 12, 2015, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Grace’s request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WVBS(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 WVBS(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., October 13, 2016.**¹

Grace is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If Grace 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.²

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.

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
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Media Bureau