

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Mr. Al Alemany
Grace Christian Academy
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Bryson City, NC 28713

APR 27 2016

In re: **WTIJ-LP, Bryson City, NC**
Facility ID No. 197575
Silent since February 28, 2016

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Alemany:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 29, 2016, on behalf of Grace Christian Academy ("GCA"), for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to permit Low-Power FM Radio Station WTIJ-LP to remain silent.

GCA's request states that Station WTIJ-LP went silent on March 2, 2016, for technical reasons.¹ The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.²

GCA's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WTIJ-LP 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 WTIJ-LP will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., March 1, 2017.**³

GCA is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If GCA 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.⁴

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.⁵

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

¹ We note that a silent notification filed on March 9, 2016, states that Station WTIJ-LP left the air on February 28, 2016. We will use that date unless GCA provides documentation to show that it operated until March 2, 2016.

² In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

³ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

⁴ 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.

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).