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In re: **W219BM, Matewan, WV**
Facility ID No. 71664
Silent since January 1, 2016

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Davidson:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 15, 2016, on behalf of West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority (WVEBA), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W219BM to remain silent.


Commission records reflect that WVEBA stated that Station W219BM went silent on January 1, 2016, pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on January 28, 2016, and expired on July 26, 2016. WVEBA requests extension of its STA, because its modification remains pending. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

WVEBA's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W219BM to remain silent until January 1, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W219BM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 2, 2017.**¹

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

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

Sincerely,


Lisa Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
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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 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).