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In re: **WKGE(AM), Johnstown, PA**
Facility ID No. 72964
Silent since November 24, 2015

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 22, 2016, on behalf of Birach Broadcasting Corporation ("BBC"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WKGE to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that BBC stated that Station WKGE(AM) went silent on November 24, 2015, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on January 28, 2016, and expired on July 26, 2016. BBC requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

BBC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WKGE(AM) to remain silent until November 24, 2016. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WKGE(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., November 25, 2016.**¹

BBC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.² If BBC 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 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.⁴

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 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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