

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

**AUG 12 2016**

*In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW*

Mr. Bert Lindsay  
P.O. Box 99  
Valdese, NC 28690

In re: **WSVM(AM), Valdese, NC**  
Facility ID No. 32392  
Silent since April 15, 2016  
  
Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Lindsay:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 27, 2016, for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WSVM to remain silent.

Your request states that Station WSVM(AM) went silent on April 15, 2016, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

Your request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WSVM(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 WSVM(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., April 16, 2017.**<sup>2</sup>

You are required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If Lindsay 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.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority.<sup>5</sup> This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of

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

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

<sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4).

limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. You failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station WSVM(AM) to remain silent beyond May 15, 2016, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between May 15, 2016, and July 27, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Scanlan / us".

Lisa Scanlan  
Assistant Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau