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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: K243BX, Skamania, WA
Proposed Community: Bellingham, WA
Facility ID No. 144175
Construction Permit File No. BNPFT-20130828ACY
Application File No. BMPFT-20160729AFD
Assignment Application File No. BAPFT-20160420ADV
Notice of Tolling Event and Request for Tolling

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 73.3598 of the Commission's Rules, in triplicate, on behalf of Saga Broadcasting, LLC ("Saga"), holder of the original construction permit for K243BX, Skamania, WA (File No. **BNPFT-20130828ACY**) ("Construction Permit"), this letter requests the tolling of the authorized period of construction under the Construction Permit.

On July 29, 2016, Saga filed a contingent application (File No. **BMPFT-20160729AFD**) to modify the Construction Permit to operate at Bellingham, Washington. Saga is the holder (See File No. **BAPFT-20160420ADV**) of the Construction Permit which will be used to rebroadcast Saga's Class B AM Station, KGMI(AM), Bellingham, WA. Application File No. **BMPFT-20160729AFD** was filed in accordance with the Commission's Public Notice, *Media Bureau Announces Filing Dates and Procedures for AM Station Filing Window for FM Translator Modifications and Availability of FM Translator Technical Tools*, DA 1491, released December 23, 2015.

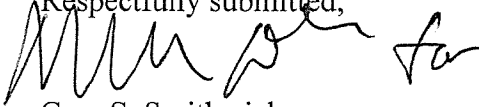
The Construction Permit is scheduled to expire on **January 14, 2017**. Pursuant to Footnote 36 of *Revitalization of the AM Service*, 30 FCC Rcd 12145 (2015), Saga seeks waiver/tolling of the expiration deadline to the longest period permitted by the Commission.

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Attached is a declaration from the Treasurer of Saga wherein Saga commits to promptly construct the modified FM translator station. The applicant commits to commence construction within 30 days of receipt of a final, non-appealable construction permit for the modified facilities, by ordering an antenna, feedline and transmitter, and complete construction within six months following the receipt of the equipment.

For the foregoing reason, Saga respectfully submits that good cause exists to grant the tolling of the expiration of the Construction Permit.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT

cc: Victoria McCauley, Esq. (FCC) (by hand and by electronic mail to victoria.mccauley@fcc.gov)

DECLARATION OF SAMUEL D. BUSH

Samuel D. Bush, under penalty of perjury, declares as follows:

I am Treasurer of Saga Broadcasting, LLC ("Saga"), licensee of KGMI(AM), Bellingham, WA. On August 11, 2016, Saga acquired the construction permit (File No. BNPFT-20130828ACY) from Walla Walla University. See File No. **BAPFT-20160420ADV**. The permit is scheduled to expire January 14, 2017.

Saga commits to promptly construct the modified FM translator station. Saga commits to commence construction within 30 days of receipt of a final, non-appealable construction permit for the modified facilities, by ordering an antenna, feedline and transmitter, and complete construction within six months following the receipt of the equipment.

Executed this 25th day of August, 2016.


Samuel D. Bush