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**In re: KUSP(FM), Santa Cruz, CA**  
Facility ID No. 51718  
Silent since August 1, 2016

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Crigler:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 2, 2016, on behalf of Pataphysical Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. (PBFI), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KUSP to remain silent.


PBFI's request states that Station KUSP(FM) went silent on August 1, 2016, for financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

PBFI's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KUSP(FM) 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 KUSP(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., August 2, 2017.**<sup>1</sup>

PBFI is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If PBFI 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>2</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. Finally, we note that 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>3</sup>

Sincerely,

  
Lisa Scanlan  
Assistant Chief, Audio Division  
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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</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>3</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).