

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **WQTM(AM), Fair Bluff, NC**
Facility ID No. 2860
Silent since September 22, 2016

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 26, 2016, on behalf of WQTM, Inc ("WQTM"), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WQTM to remain silent.

WQTM's request states that Station WQTM(AM) went silent on September 22, 2016, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

WQTM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WQTM(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 WQTM(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., September 23, 2017.**²

WQTM is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If WQTM 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
Media Bureau

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

² See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

³ 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.

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