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In reply refer to: 1800B3-RH

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In re: **KZLM(FM), Lewistown, MT** Facility ID No. 171025 Silent since November 12, 2016

> Request for Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Marshall:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 14, 2016, on behalf of Cochise Broadcasting, LLC (CB), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KZLM to remain silent.

CB's request states that Station KZLM(FM) went silent on November 12, 2016, for financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

CB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KZLM(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 KZLM(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., November 13, 2017.²

CB is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.³ If CB 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.⁴

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.⁵

Sincerely,

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Lisa Scanlan Assistant Chief, Audio Division Media Bureau

⁴ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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 *Id.* 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.

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).