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In re: **WGSB(AM), Mebane, NC**
Facility ID No. 25036
Silent since January 13, 2017

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. McCormick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on January 26, 2017, on behalf of Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez and Leonor Rodriguez (Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WGSB to remain silent.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez's request states that Station WGSB(AM) went silent on January 13, 2017, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WGSB(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 WGSB(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 14, 2018.**²

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez are required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez do 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
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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.

⁴ See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).