

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Ms. Jessica Huckaby
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P.O. Drawer 2440
Tupelo, MS 38803

In re: WAQG(FM), Ozark, AL
Facility ID No. 1613
Silent since June 20, 2016

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Huckaby:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 9, 2017, on behalf of American Family Association (AFA), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WAQG to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that AFA stated that Station WAQG(FM) went silent on June 20, 2016, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on July 21, 2016, and expired on January 17, 2017. AFA requests extension of its STA for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

AFA's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WAQG(FM) to remain silent until June 20, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WAQG(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., June 21, 2017.¹**

AFA is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If AFA 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.²

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.³

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² 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.

³ See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).