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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **WATD(AM), Brockton, MA**
Facility ID No. 19631
Silent since August 6, 2016

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Moskowitz:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 18, 2017, on behalf of Marshfield Broadcasting Co., Inc. (MBC), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WATD to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that MBC stated that Station WATD(AM) went silent on August 6, 2016, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on October 14, 2016, and expired on April 12, 2017. MBC requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

MBC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WATD(AM) to remain silent until August 6, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WATD(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 7, 2017.**¹

MBC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If MBC 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. 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 *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.

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