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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **WTID(FM), Thomaston, AL**  
Facility ID No. 85767  
Silent since August 24, 2016  
Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Lipp:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 1, 2017, on behalf of R3 Partners, LLC (R3), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WTID to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that R3 stated that Station WTID(FM) went silent on August 24, 2017, for staffing reasons. The previous STA was granted on November 2, 2016, and expired on May 1, 2017. R3 requests extension of its STA for continuing staffing issues. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

R3's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WTID(FM) to remain silent until August 24, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WTID(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 25, 2017.**<sup>1</sup>

R3 is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If R3 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup>

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan  
Assistant Chief, Audio Division  
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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</sup> *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.

<sup>3</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).