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In re: **W231BT, Martinsville, IN**  
Facility ID No. 143146  
Silent since September 16, 2016  
  
Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Jazzo:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 4, 2017, on behalf of Mid-America Radio Group, Inc. (MARG), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W231BT to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that MARG stated that Station W231BT went silent on September 16, 2016, pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on November 9, 2016, and expired on May 8, 2017. MARG requests extension of its STA because its proposed modification is still pending. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

MARG's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W231BT to remain silent until September 16, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W231BT will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., September 17, 2017.**<sup>1</sup>

MARG is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If MARG 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  
Deputy 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 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).