

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In re: **W248AP, Chesterton, IN**
Facility ID No. 143899
Silent since January 6, 2017

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Riley:

This letter concerns the request you filed on June 30, 2017, on behalf of Friends of Christian Radio, Inc. (FCR), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W248AP to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that FCR stated that Station W248AP went silent on January 6, 2017, because it lost its programming source. The previous STA was granted on January 30, 2017, and expired on July 29, 2017. FCR requests extension of its STA because of continuing programming issues. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

FCR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W248AP to remain silent until January 6, 2018. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W248AP will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 7, 2018.**¹

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