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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **WFTU(AM), Riverhead, NY**
Facility ID No. 18238
Silent since January 27, 2017

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Tepper:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 9, 2017, on behalf of Five Towns College (FTC), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WFTU to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that FTC stated that Station WFTU(AM) went silent on January 27, 2017, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on February 15, 2017, and expired on August 14, 2017. FTC 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.

FTC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WFTU(AM) to remain silent until January 27, 2018. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WFTU(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 28, 2018.**¹

FTC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If FTC 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).