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In re: **K251AL, Beaumont, TX**  
Facility ID No. 145294  
Silent since August 30, 2017

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 26, 2017, on behalf of Educational Media Foundation (EMF), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K251AL to remain silent.

EMF's request states that Station K251AL went silent on August 30, 2017, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

EMF's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K251AL to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K251AL will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., August 31, 2018.**<sup>2</sup>

EMF is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If EMF 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>3</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. Finally, we note that 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>4</sup>

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan  
Deputy Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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