

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC

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In re: **KZLM(FM), Lewistown, MT**
Facility ID No. 171025
Silent since November 12, 2016

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Marshall:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 13, 2017, on behalf of Cochise Broadcasting LLC (CB), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KZLM to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that CB stated that Station KZLM(FM) went silent on November 12, 2016, for financial reasons. Commission records also reflect that CB requested an extension of STA on May 22, 2017. The previous STA was granted on June 26, 2017, and expired on November 13, 2017. CB requests extension of its STA pending the resolution of the Cochise Consent Decree.¹ The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

CB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KZLM(FM) to remain silent until November 12, 2018. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KZLM(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., November 13, 2018.**²

CB is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If CB 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.³

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

¹ The Order granting the Consent Decree was adopted on May 25, 2017, and released on May 26, 2017. *See Cochise Broadcasting, LLC, et al.*, Order, DA 17-458 (MB May 26, 2017).

² *See* 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

³ *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.

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.⁴

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Scanlan".

Lisa Scanlan
Deputy Chief, Audio Division
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⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).