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In re: WEGA(AM), Vega Baja, PR
Facility ID No. 69853
Silent since November 20, 2017

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. King:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 2, 2018, on behalf of A Radio Company, Inc. (ARCI), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station WEGA to remain silent.

ARCI's request states that Station WEGA(AM) went silent on November 20, 2017, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

ARCI's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WEGA(AM) 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 WEGA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., November 21, 2018.¹**

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

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority. *See* 47 CFR § 73.1740(a)(4). This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. ARCI failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station WEGA(AM) to remain silent beyond December 20,

¹ *See* 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² 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 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

2017, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between December 20, 2017 and February 2, 2018.

Sincerely



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