

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **W279AR, Jesup, GA**
Facility ID No. 151458
Silent since August 21, 2017

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 6, 2018, on behalf of Nia Broadcasting, Inc. (NB), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W279AR to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that NB stated that Station W279AR went silent on August 21, 2017, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on September 27, 2017, and will expire on March 26, 2018. NB 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.

NB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W279AR to remain silent until August 21, 2018. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W279AR will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 22, 2018.**¹

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