

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Mr. Ron Huckleby
2001 Aberdeen St.
Butte, MT 59701-5514

In re: **KBMI-FM, East Helena, MT**
Facility ID No. 49724
Silent since August 1, 2017

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Huckleby:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 16, 2018, on behalf of Hi-Line Radio Fellowship, Inc. (HLRF), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit Radio Station KBMI-FM to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that HLRF stated that Station KBMI-FM went silent on August 1, 2017, pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on September 27, 2017, and expired on March 26, 2018. HLRF requests extension of its STA because its modification remains pending. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

HLRF's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KBMI-FM to remain silent until August 1, 2018. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KBMI-FM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 2, 2018.**¹

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