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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **W244DH, Wilmington, NC**
Facility ID No. 157724
Silent since September 12, 2017

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Rhinesmith:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 9, 2018, on behalf of Friends of Public Radio, Inc. (FPR), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W244DH to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that FPR stated that Station W244DH went silent on September 12, 2017, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on October 17, 2017, and expired on April 15, 2018. FPR 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.

FPR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W244DH to remain silent until September 12, 2018. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W244DH will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., September 13, 2018.**¹

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