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In re: **W279AR, Jesup, GA**  
Facility ID No. 151458  
Silent since February 19, 2019

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:


This letter concerns the request you filed on March 1, 2019, on behalf of NIA Broadcasting, Inc. (NIA), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W279AR to remain silent.

NIA's request states that Station W279AR went silent on February 19, 2019, because it lost its program source. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

NIA's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W279AR 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 W279DA will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., February 20, 2020.**<sup>1</sup>

NIA is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If NIA 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup>

Sincerely,  
  
Lisa Scanlan  
Deputy Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</sup> *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.

<sup>3</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).