

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554  
April 23, 2008**

**IN REPLY REFER TO:  
1800B3-DW**

Mr. R. Clinton Stackhouse, Interim Trustee  
P.O. Box 3640  
Norfolk, VA 23514

**In re: WVAB(AM), Virginia Beach, VA  
Facility ID No. 57611**

**WBVA(FM), Bayside, VA  
Facility ID No. 84068**

Silent Since March 15, 2008  
Request For Special Temporary  
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Stackhouse:

This letter concerns your request, filed on March 21, 2008, for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to permit AM Station WVAB and FM Station WBVA to remain silent.

Your request states that WVAB(AM) and WBVA(FM) went silent on March 15, 2008, because someone cut the guy wires to the structure that serves as a tower for both stations. As a result, the tower fell, and both stations are off the air. Your request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

Your request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit AM Station WVAB and FM station WBVA to remain silent for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast licenses for WVAB(AM) and WBVA(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do**

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<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter .

**not commence by 12:01 a.m. on March 16, 2009.**<sup>2</sup> See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

Finally, the stations' 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. Additionally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's towers shall be maintained. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Taft Snowdon', written in a cursive style.

H. Taft Snowdon  
Supervisory Attorney  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

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<sup>2</sup>Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must either be electronically filed or mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission  
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445 12th Street, S.W.  
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