

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

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In re: **WRPA(AM), Providence, RI**  
Facility ID No. 48308  
Silent since November 27, 2018

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. King:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 30, 2019, on behalf of Rhode Island Public Radio (RIPR), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WRPA to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that RIPR stated that Station WRPA(AM) went silent on November 27, 2018, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on February 14, 2019, and expired on August 13, 2019. RIPR requests extension of its STA for continuing financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

RIPR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WRPA(AM) to remain silent until November 27, 2019. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WRPA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., November 28, 2019.**<sup>1</sup>

RIPR is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If RIPR 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. 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 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).