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In re: **WBSJ(FM), Portland, IN**  
Facility ID No. 3647  
Silent since January 4, 2019

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Miller:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 13, 2019, on behalf of Ball State University (BSU), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WBSJ to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that BSU stated that Station WBSJ(FM) went silent on January 4, 2019, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on March 25, 2019, and will expire on September 21, 2019. BSU 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.

BSU's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WBSJ(FM) to remain silent until January 4, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WBSJ(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 5, 2020.**<sup>1</sup>

BSU is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If BSU 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,



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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).