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In re: KHTW(AM), Lumberton, TX
Facility ID No. 31108
Silent since January 20, 2019

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Alpert:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 15, 2019, on behalf of Southeast Texas Telecom, LLC (STT), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Station KHTW to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that STT stated that Station KHTW(AM) went silent on January 20, 2019, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on April 15, 2019 and expired on October 12, 2019. STT 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.

STT's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KHTW(AM) to remain silent until January 20, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KHTW(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., January 21, 2020.**¹

STT is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If STT 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. 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.³

Sincerely,



Victoria McCauley
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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 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).