

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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*In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC*

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In re: **KSMR(FM), Winona, MN**  
Facility ID No. 58590  
Silent since September 4, 2019  
  
Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Rempe:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 6, 2020, on behalf of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (SMUM), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KSMR to remain silent.

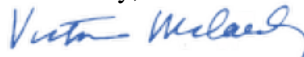
Commission records reflect that SMUM stated that Station KSMR(FM) went silent on September 4, 2019, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on September 23, 2019, and expired on March 21, 2020. SMUM requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

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

SMUM is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SMUM 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 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).