

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

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In re: **WEAX(FM), Angola, IN**
Facility ID No. 67795
Silent since July 15, 2019

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Tepper:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 23, 2020, on behalf of Star Educational Media Network, Inc. (SEMN), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WEAX to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SEMN stated that Station WEAX(FM) went silent on July 15, 2019, pending the proposed assignment of its license. The previous STA was granted on July 31, 2019, and expired on January 27, 2020.¹ SEMN requests extension of its STA pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

SEMN's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WEAX(FM) to remain silent until July 15, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WEAX(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., July 16, 2020.**²

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

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.⁴

Sincerely,



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¹ We note that SEMN failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station WEAX(AM) to remain silent beyond January 27, 2020. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between January 27, 2020, and March 23, 2020.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

³ *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.

⁴ See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).