

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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SENT VIA EMAIL

*In reply refer to: 1800B3-VM*

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In re: **KQBM-LP, West Point, CA**  
Facility ID No. 193635  
Silent since December 5, 2019

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Couzens:


This letter concerns the request you filed on September 2, 2020, on behalf of Blue Mountain Players (BMP), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit Low-Power FM Radio Station KQBM-LP to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that BMP stated that Station KQBM-LP went silent on December 5, 2019 pending the proposed assignment of its license. The previous STA was granted on January 23, 2020, and expired on July 21, 2020. BMP requests extension of its STA because its application for assignment of license remains pending. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

BMP's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KQBM-LP to remain silent until December 5, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KQBM-LP will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., December 6, 2020.**<sup>1</sup>

BMP is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If BMP 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,  
  
Victoria McCauley  
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Media Bureau

Sent via email only to: cuz@well.com

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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).