

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

October 9, 2020

In reply refer to: 1800B3-VM

Ms. Donna Martinez
Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University
Box 9000
Las Vegas, NM 87701

In re: **KEDP(FM), Las Vegas, NM**
Facility ID No. 4281
Silent since March 1, 2020

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Martinez:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 8, 2020, on behalf of Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University (BRNMHU), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KEDP to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that BRNMHU stated that Station KEDP(FM) went silent on March 1, 2020, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on March 12, 2020, and expired on September 8, 2020. BRNMHU 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.

BRNMHU's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KEDP(FM) to remain silent until March 1, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KEDP(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., March 2, 2021.**¹

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



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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 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).