

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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In re: **KMNQ(AM), Brooklyn Park, MN**  
Facility ID No. 101  
Silent since March 16, 2020  
  
Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Montero:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 5, 2020, on behalf of Santamaria Broadcasting, Inc. (SB), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station KMNQ to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SB stated that Station KMNQ(AM) went silent on March 16, 2020, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on April 9, 2020, and expired on October 6, 2020. SB requests extension of its STA due to the COVID-19 emergency. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

SB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KMNQ(AM) to remain silent until March 16, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KMNQ(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., March 17, 2021.**<sup>1</sup>

SB is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SB 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](mailto:Denise.Williams@FCC.gov).

<sup>3</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).