

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

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In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC

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In re: **KZGD(AM), Salem, OR**
Facility ID No. 72475
Silent since April 1, 2020

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 28, 2020, on behalf of Edward C. Distell (Distell), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station KZGD to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that Distell stated that Station KZGD(AM) went silent on April 1, 2020, due to the COVID-19 emergency. The previous STA was granted on April 30, 2020, and expired on October 27, 2020. Distell requests extension of its STA due to the continuing COVID-19 emergency. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

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

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