

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

*In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC*

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In re: **W253CA, Lansdale, PA**  
Facility ID No. 151896  
Silent since May 1, 2020  
  
Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Nyman:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 22, 2020, on behalf of WNPV, Inc (WNPV), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W253CA to remain silent.

WNPV's request states that Station W253CA went silent on May 1, 2020, because it lost its programming source. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

WNPV's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W253CA to remain silent until May 1, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W253CA will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., May 2, 2021.**<sup>1</sup>

WNPV is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If WNPV 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>

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority.<sup>4</sup> This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of

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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 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

<sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR § 73.1740(a)(4). WNPV's request for waiver of this provision is denied.

limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. WNPV failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station W253CA to remain silent beyond June 1, 2020, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between June 1, 2020, and October 22, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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