

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

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*In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC*

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In re: **WRSA(AM), St. Albans, VT**  
Facility ID No. 34812  
Silent since February 6, 2020  
  
Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Friedman:


This letter concerns the request you filed on November 12, 2020, on behalf of Radio Broadcasting Services, Incorporated (RBS), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WRSA to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that RBS stated that Station WRSA(AM) went silent on February 6, 2020, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on March 12, 2020, and expired on September 8, 2020.<sup>1</sup> RBS 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.

RBS's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WRSA(AM) to remain silent until February 6, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WRSA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., February 7, 2021.**<sup>2</sup>

RBS is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If RBS 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>3</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>4</sup>

Sincerely,  
  
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<sup>1</sup> We note that RBS failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station WRSA(AM) to remain silent beyond September 8, 2020. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between September 8, 2020, and November 12, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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