

## Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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Sent via electronic mail

In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Ms. Jean Ann Miller Oakland University 312 Meadow Brook Road, 49 Oakland Center Rochester, MI 48309-4454 jam@oakland.edu

In re: WXOU(FM), Hills, MI

Facility ID No. 49941 Silent since April 15, 2020

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Miller:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 9, 2020, on behalf of Oakland University (OU), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WXOU to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that OU stated that Station WXOU(FM) went silent on April 15, 2020, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on June 25, 2020, and expired on December 22, 2020. OU requests extension of its STA for continuing financial reasons.

OU's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WXOU(FM) to remain silent until Spril 15, 2021. Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WXOU(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., April 16, 2021.

OU is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If OU 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,
Victoria Milaulez

Victoria McCauley Attorney, Audio Division

Media Bureau

<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>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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