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In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC

Sent via electronic mail

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RE: **WTOF(AM), Bay Minette, AL**
Facility ID No. 24653
Silent since December 1, 2020
Request for Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:


This letter concerns the request you filed on December 11, 2020, on behalf of Buddy Tucker Association, Inc. (BTA), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WTOF to remain silent.

BTA's request states that Station WTOF(AM) went silent on December 1, 2020, due to the COVID-19 emergency.

BTA's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WTOF(AM) to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WTOF(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., December 2, 2021.**¹

BTA is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If BTA 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,

Victoria McCauley
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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 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).