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Washington, D.C. 20554

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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Sent via electronic mail

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RE: **W280EM, Chicago, IL**
Facility ID No. 140763
Silent since August 17, 2020
Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Shainis:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 28, 2020, on behalf of Windy City Broadcasting, LLC (WCB), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W280EM to remain silent.

WCB's request states that Station W280EM went silent on August 17, 2020, because it lost its programming source.

WCB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W280EM to remain silent until August 17, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W280EM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 17, 2021.**¹

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

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.⁴ This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. WCB failed to submit a timely request for an STA

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).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4).

to permit Station W280EM to remain silent beyond September 17, 2020, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between September 17, 2020, and December 28, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Victoria McCauley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and last name "McCauley" clearly distinguishable.

Victoria McCauley
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