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*In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC*

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**RE: WZQS(FM), Cullowhee, NC**  
Facility ID No. 71766  
Silent since February 1, 2021  
Request for Special  
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Crigler:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 2, 2021, on behalf of Western North Carolina Public Radio, Inc. (WNCPR), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WZQS to remain silent.

WNCPR's request states that Station WZQS(FM) went silent on February 1, 2021, pending the proposed modification of its facilities.

WNCPR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WZQS(FM) 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 WZQS(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., February 2, 2022.**<sup>1</sup>

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley".

Victoria McCauley  
Attorney, Audio Division  
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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 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).