



Federal Communications Commission
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RE: **KEZM(AM), Sulphur, LA**
Facility ID No. 36210
Silent since August 27, 2020
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 8, 2021, on behalf of Merchant Broadcasting, Inc. (MB), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station KEZM to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that MB stated that Station KEZM(AM) went silent on August 27, 2020, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on October 15, 2020, and expired on April 13, 2021. MB requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

MB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KEZM(AM) to remain silent until August 27, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KEZM(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 28, 2021.**¹

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