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RE: K260DE, Palm Desert, CA
Facility ID No. 200930
Silent since August 6, 2020
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 22, 2021, on behalf of Desert Community College District d/b/a College of the Desert (CD), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K260DE to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that CD stated that Station K260DE went silent on August 6, 2020, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on September 23, 2020, and expired on March 22, 2021.¹ CD requests extension of its STA for continuing financial reasons.

CD's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K260DE to remain silent until August 6, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K260DE will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 7, 2021.**²

CD is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If CD 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.³

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.⁴

Sincerely,

Victoria McCauley
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¹ We note that CD failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station K260DE to remain silent beyond March 22, 2021. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between March 22, 2021, and March 22, 2021.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

³ *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.

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).