



Federal Communications Commission
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Sent via electronic mail

In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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RE: **K291AE, Seaside, CA**
Facility ID No. 84889
Silent since August 1, 2020
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Jesse:

This letter concerns the request you filed on June 1, 2021, on behalf of SMG-Monterey, LLC (SMG), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K291AE to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SMG stated that Station K291AE went silent on August 1, 2020, pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on December 8, 2020, and expired on June 6, 2021.¹ SMG requests extension of its STA because its modification remains pending.

SMG's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K291AE to remain silent until August 1, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K291AE will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 2, 2021.**²

SMG is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SMG 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
Attorney, Audio Division

¹ We note that SMG failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station K291AE to remain silent beyond June 6, 2021. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between June 6, 2021, and June 1, 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).

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