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RE: WLLN(AM), Lillington, NC
Facility ID No. 26151
Silent since October 28, 2020
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. McCormick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on June 2 2021, on behalf of Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez and Leonor Rodriguez (Rodriguez), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WLLN to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that Rodriguez stated that Station WLLN(AM) went silent on October 28, 2020, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on December 9, 2020, and expired on June 7, 2021.¹ Rodriguez requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

Rodriguez's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WLLN(AM) to remain silent until October 28, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WLLN(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., October 29, 2021.**²

Rodriguez is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If Rodriguez 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
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¹ We note that Rodriguez failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station WLLN(AM) to remain silent beyond June 7, 2021. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between June 7, 2021, and October 28, 2020.

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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