



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: WTOF(AM), Bay Minette, AL
Facility ID No. 24653
Silent since December 1, 2020
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 31, 2021, on behalf of Buddy Tucker Association, Inc. (BTA), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WTOF to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that BTA stated that Station WTOF(AM) went silent on December 1, 2020, due to the COVID-19 emergency. The previous STA was granted on February 22, 2021, and expired on August 21, 2021.¹ BTA requests extension of its STA due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency.

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

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

¹ We note that BTA failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station WTOF(AM) to remain silent beyond August 21, 2021. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between August 21, 2021, and August 31, 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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