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RE: K263BJ, Richland, WA
Facility ID No. 155281
Silent since July 28, 2021
Request for Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 30, 2021, on behalf of Akal Media, Inc. (AM), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K263BJ to remain silent.

AM's request states that Station K263BJ went silent on July 28, 2021, for technical reasons.

AM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K263BJ to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K263BJ will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., July 29, 2022.**¹

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