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In re: **W229AD, Tallahassee, FL**
Facility ID No. 21802
Silent since May 6, 2019

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 18, 2020, on behalf of Florida State University (FSU), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W229AD to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that FSU stated that Station W229AD went silent on May 6, 2019, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on May 30, 2019, and expired on November 26, 2019.¹ FSU requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

FSU's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W229AD to remain silent until May 6, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W229AD will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., May 7, 2020.**²

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



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¹ We note that FSU failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station W229AD to remain silent beyond November 26, 2019. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between November 26, 2019, and February 18, 2020. FSU's request for waiver is denied. *See* 47 CFR §73.1635(a)(4) (initial STA period not to exceed 180 days).

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 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).