

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

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In re: **W273DG, Cleveland, OH**  
Facility ID No. 143930  
Silent since March 10, 2018

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Kirby:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 7, 2018, on behalf of Salem Communications Holding Corporation (SCHC), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W273DG to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SCHC stated that Station W273DG went silent on March 10, 2018, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on April 20, 2018, and expired on October 17, 2018. SCHC 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.

SCHC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W273DG to remain silent until March 10, 2019. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W273DG will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., March 11, 2019.<sup>1</sup>**

SCHC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SCHC 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup>

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan  
Deputy Chief, Audio Division  
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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</sup> *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.

<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).