



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Mr. Douglas M. Sutton, Jr.
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RE: **W287CD, Franklin, NC**
Facility ID No. 142798
Silent since July 23, 2021
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Sutton:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 16, 2022, on behalf of Sutton Radiocasting Corporation (SRC), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W287CD to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SRC stated that Station W287CD went silent on July 23, 2021, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on September 24, 2021, and expired on March 23, 2022. SRC requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

SRC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W287CD to remain silent until July 23, 2022. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W287CD will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., July 24, 2022.**¹

SRC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SRC 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
Attorney, Audio Division
Media Bureau

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).



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