

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554**

October 18, 2011

**IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-VM**

David Simmons
Northern Star Broadcasting, LLC
3250 Racquet Club Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49684

In re: WIHC(FM), Newberry, MI
Facility ID No. 8125
Silent since March 22, 2011

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Simmons:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 23, 2011, on behalf of Northern Star Broadcasting, LLC ("NSB"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Station WIHC to remain silent.

NSB's request states that Station WIHC(FM) went silent on March 22, 2011, for financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

NSB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WIHC(FM) to remain silent until March 22, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WIHC(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., March 23, 2012.**¹ See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

¹ In addition to filing electronically with the Commission on the date operations resume, notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

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. Finally, we note that 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. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: David Tillotson, Esq.