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In re: W222BK, Birmingham, AL
Facility ID No. 150836
Silent since February 15, 2016

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Montero:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 15, 2016, on behalf of SM-WBHJ, LLC ("SM-WBHJ"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Radio Station W222BK to remain silent.

SM-WBHJ's request states that Station W222BK went silent on February 15, 2016, because of technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

SM-WBHJ's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W222BK 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 W222BK will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., February 16, 2017.¹**

SM-WBHJ is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SM-WBHJ 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. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Scanlan".

Lisa Scanlan
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