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In re: **WAMM(AM), Woodstock, VA**
Facility ID No. 16000
Silent since September 22, 2016

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 13, 2017, on behalf of Shenandoah Valley Group, Inc. (SVG), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WAMM to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SVG stated that Station WAMM(AM) went silent on September 22, 2016, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on October 26, 2016, and expired on April 24, 2017. SVG requests extension of its STA for continuing financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

SVG's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WAMM(AM) to remain silent until September 22, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WAMM(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., September 23, 2017.**¹

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



Lisa Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
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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 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).