

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In re: **WCMX(FM), Leominster, MA**
Facility ID No. 54850
Silent since January 14, 2020

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. McCormick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 3, 2020, on behalf of City United Church (CUC), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WCMX to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that CUC stated that Station WCMX(FM) went silent on January 14, 2020, because the licensee had decided to exit from broadcasting and is currently seeking a new licensee. The previous STA was granted on March 12, 2020, and expired on September 8, 2020. CUC requests extension of its STA while the search for a new licensee continues. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

CUC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WCMX(FM) to remain silent until January 14, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WCMX(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 15, 2021.**¹

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



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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).