

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **W222AS, West Lafayette, IN**
Facility ID No. 140821
Silent since November 5, 2018

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Denbo:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 27, 2019, on behalf of Star City Broadcasting, LLC (SCB), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W222AS to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SCB stated that Station W222AS went silent on November 5, 2018, pending the modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on December 18, 2018, and expired on March 1, 2019.¹ SCB requests extension of its STA because its modification remains pending. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

SCB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W222AS to remain silent until November 5, 2019. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W222AS will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., November 6, 2019.**²

SCB is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SCB 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.³

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

¹ We note that SCB failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station W222AS to remain silent beyond March 1, 2019. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between March 1, 2019 and August 27, 2019.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

³ *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.

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.⁴

Sincerely,



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⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).