

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 1800B3-MAT

Mr. Steve McGowan
GFR, Inc.
207 West Troy Street
Dothan, AL 36303

JUL 12 2019

In re: WTOT-FM, Graceville, FL
Facility ID No. 37510
Silent since May 18, 2019

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. McGowan:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 1, 2019, on behalf of GFR, Inc. (GFR), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WTOT-FM to go silent.

GFR's request states that Station WTOT-FM went silent on May 18, 2019, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

GFR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WTOT-FM 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 WTOT-FM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., May 19, 2020.¹**

GFR is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If GFR 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 painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed.³

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensee to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority. *See* 47 CFR § 73.1740(a)(4). This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations, and require a licensee to seek Commission

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).

authorization for any period of limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. GFR failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station WTOT-FM to remain silent beyond June 18, 2019, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between June 18, 2019 and July 1, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Scanlan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Scanlan
Deputy Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau