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Re: WMKH-LD, Hilton Head Island, SC
Fac. ID No. 47139

Dear Licensee:

This is with respect to the above-captioned low power digital television station (WMKH or Station). Section 312(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), provides that:

If a broadcasting station fails to transmit broadcast signals for any consecutive 12-month period, then the station license granted for the operation of that broadcast station expires at the end of that period, notwithstanding any provision, term or condition of the license to the contrary

For the reasons discussed below, the Station's license has expired as a matter of law under section 312(g) the Act.¹

Background. The Station went silent on January 25, 2017, due to termination of its tower site lease.² On the same day, the Video Division (Division) granted the Station Special Temporary Authority (STA) to remain silent until July 25, 2017.³ In its STA grant letter, the Division warned the Station that its license would automatically expire if the Station remained off the air continuously for more than 12 months.⁴ On July 21, 2017, the Station requested an STA extension stating that the combination of the termination of its tower site lease and broadcast repack issues left the "licensee in a position of evaluating its options going forward" and that the Station would remain "silent while efforts to analyze future

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² See Suspension of Operations and Silent Authority of a LPTV Station Application, Explanation for Silence, File No. 0000021591 (filed Jan. 25, 2017).

³ See Suspension of Operations and Silent Authority of a LPTV Station Application, Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent Auto Grant Letter, File No. 0000021591 (filed Jan. 25, 2017).

⁴ *Id.*

prospects and tower locations are pursued.”⁵ Since then, the Station has not filed a Resumption of Operations Notice and the Commission’s Licensing and Management System (LMS) indicates the Station has remained silent since January 25, 2017.

Discussion. Section 73.1740(c) of the Commission’s rules,⁶ which implements section 312(g) of the Act,⁷ provides that the license of any broadcasting station that fails to transmit broadcast signals for any consecutive 12-month period expires as a matter of law at the end of that period, notwithstanding any provision, term, or condition of the license to the contrary.

As discussed above, Commission records indicate that the Station has been silent since January 25, 2017. As such, we find that the Station has been silent for more than 12 consecutive months and that its license has expired by operation of section 312(g) of the Act.

In view of the foregoing, the license for station WMKH-LD, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina **IS HEREBY CANCELLED**, and the call sign **IS DELETED**.

Sincerely,

/s/

David Brown
Deputy Chief, Video Division
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⁵ Request to Extend a Suspension of Operations and Silent Authority of a LPTV Station Application, Explanation, File No. 0000029022 (filed July 21, 2017).

⁶ 47 CFR § 73.1740(c).

⁷ 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).