

Short-Term Renewal Period

On November 8, 2016, the Audio Division of the Federal Communications Commission's Media Bureau granted the license renewal application (File No. BR-20121203BBX) for KFCR(AM), Custer, South Dakota (Facility ID No. 43913) ("KFCR"), for a renewal term of 2 years – instead of the full term of 8 years – because KFCR disclosed in its application that the station had been silent pursuant to Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for significant periods during the preceding license term.¹ That short-term license renewal period expired on November 8, 2018.

Accordingly, on June 29, 2018, KFCR filed a subsequent license renewal application.² In that application, KFCR certified that it had not been silent (or operating for less than its prescribed minimum operating hours) for any period of more than 30 days.³ That license renewal application was granted on November 6, 2018, for a period expiring on April 1, 2021.

Between November 6, 2018 and August 24, 2020, KFCR met or exceeded its minimum operating schedule. KFCR, however, went silent on August 24, 2020 due to equipment failure. On August 30, 2020, a Notification of Suspension of Operations and Request for Silent STA was filed for KFCR.⁴ On October 28, 2020, KFCR resumed operations with its licensed facilities.⁵

¹ Letter from Peter H. Doyle, Chief, Audio Division, Federal Communications Commission, to Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc. (1800B3-KW) at 3 (Nov. 8, 2016). *See also* File No. BR-20121203BBX.

² File No. BR-20180629AAG.

³ *Id.*

⁴ File No. BLSTA-20200930AGL.

⁵ Resumption of Operations Notification (KFCR) (filed Oct. 20, 2020).