



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Sent via electronic mail

In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC

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RE: **WEGO(AM), Concord, NC**
Facility ID No. 13555
Silent since December 23, 2022
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Smithwick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 6, 2023, on behalf of 2B Productions, LLC (2B), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WEGO to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that 2B stated that Station WEGO(AM) went silent on December 23, 2022, because it lost its programming source. The previous STA was granted on January 9, 2023, and expired on July 8, 2023. 2B requests extension of its STA while it continues to seek a new programming source.

2B's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WEGO(AM) to remain silent until December 23, 2023. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WEGO(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., December 24, 2023.**¹

2B is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.² If 2B 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 See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g). The date set in this letter for the license expiration supersedes any notice generated from the FCC Licensing and Management System (LMS).

² In addition, periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the station's records (see 47 CFR §§ 73.1820 (AM/FM/TV), 73.877 (LPFM) and/or 74.1281 (FM translator)). The records shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These log entries must be maintained for a minimum of two years as specified in 47 CFR § 73.1840(a), unless a longer retention period is requested by the staff. Periods of operation may be subject to independent verification that they in fact occurred.

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).