



Federal Communications Commission
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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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RE: WHAK(AM), Rogers City, MI
Facility ID No. 29286
Silent since March 30, 2023
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Montero:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 12, 2023, on behalf of Mitten News LLC (MN), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WHAK to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that MN stated that Station WHAK(AM) went silent on March 30, 2023, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on April 20, 2023, and expired on October 19, 2023. MN requests extension of its STA for continuing financial reasons.

MN's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WHAK(AM) to remain silent until March 30, 2024. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WHAK(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., March 31, 2024.**¹

MN is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.² If MN 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).

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 (LPM) 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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