

**K257AF, Butte, MT (Fac. Id. 69373)**  
**License Renewal Application Amendment**  
**Silent Status Explanation**

The previous licensee of the station, Robert Cummings Toole, filed the original license renewal application on November 13, 2020, and four days later ceased station operations due to his illness and lack of staff to continue operations. On November 20, 2020, the station's consulting engineer filed a request for special temporary authority to remain silent (BLSTA-20201120AAH). Later that day, the licensee passed away. The FCC granted the silent STA by letter dated January 19, 2021.

This renewal application amendment is filed by Karen L. Toole, Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Cummings Toole, who now controls the station pursuant to the FCC's February 1, 2021 grant of an involuntary assignment of license application. Because the station has been and remains silent at this time, the response to the "Silent Station" question has been changed from "no" to "yes" for the reasons stated above.