

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
TO REMAIN SILENT**

Station: KTPT-FM1
Facility Id: 158780
Licensee: Bethesda Christian Broadcasting
FRN: 0004310975

Circumstances Requiring Special Temporary Authority:

FM booster station KTPT-FM1 ceased operating on April 14, 2022 when its primary station (KTPT | Fac. Id. 21637) experienced an equipment failure and went silent that same day. Bethesda Christian Broadcasting previously requested and obtained authority to remain silent through December 27, 2022 (see attached STA grant letter). The station is being sold (pending application LMS 0000203356) and will be restored to operation when the transaction closes in early 2023. Bethesda requests an extension of the existing silent STA authority until April 13, 2023 while it finalizes the sale and preparations for restoration of on-air operations.

Note: The original STA was granted pursuant to temporary procedures while the FCC migrated STA filings from CDBS to LMS. As a result, the silent STA authorization was not available in LMS to enable an extension filing from the previously granted silent STA authorization. Staff therefore directed that an original STA be filed with an explanation that an extension of the previously granted silent STA is being sought via this filing.



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 30, 2022

Sent via electronic mail

In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC

Ms. Dana Rasic
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RE: **KTPT-FM1, Rapid City, SD**
Facility ID No. 158780
Silent since April 14, 2022
Request for Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Rasic:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 19, 2022, on behalf of Bethesda Christian Broadcasting (BCB), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit Station KTPT-FM1 to remain silent.

BCB's request states that Station KTPT-FM1 went silent on April 14, 2022, for technical reasons.

BCB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KTPT-FM1 to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KTPT-FM1 will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., April 15, 2023.**¹

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

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 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.³

Sincerely,

Victoria McCauley
Attorney, Audio Division
Media Bureau

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² *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.

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).