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**IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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**In re: WDSP(AM), De Funiak Springs, FL**  
Facility ID No. 60812  
Silent since March 1, 2011

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 3, 2011, on behalf of The Sportzmax, Inc. ("Sportzmax"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station WDSP to remain silent.

Sportzmax's request states that Station WDSP(AM) went silent on March 1, 2011, for financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

Sportzmax's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WDSP(AM) to remain silent until March 1, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WDSP(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., March 2, 2012.**<sup>2</sup> See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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. Additionally, we note that 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. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority. See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4). This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter "not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or discontinued operations," and if operations are not able to commence by the 10<sup>th</sup> day, "informal written request shall be made to the FCC no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary." Sportzman failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station

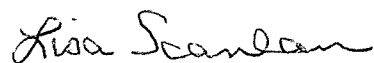
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<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to filing electronically with the Commission on the date operations resume, notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to [Denise.Williams@FCC.gov](mailto:Denise.Williams@FCC.gov).

WDSP(AM) to remain silent beyond April 1, 2011, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between April 1, 2011, and October 3, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Scanlan".

Lisa A. Scanlan  
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