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In reply refer to: 1800B3-RH

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In re: **K296AL, Crested Butte, CO**
Facility ID No. 25634
Silent since November 6, 2016

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Jazzo:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 9, 2017, on behalf of Bison Media, Inc. (BMI), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K296AL to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that BMI stated that Station K296AL went silent on November 6, 2016, pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on November 23, 2016, and expired on May 22, 2017. BMI requests extension of its STA because its proposed modification is still pending. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

BMI's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K296AL to remain silent until November 6, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K296AL will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., November 7, 2017.**¹

BMI is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If BMI 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,



Lisa Scanlan
Deputy Chief, 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).