

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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In re: **KBLC(FM), Fredericksburg, TX**

Facility ID No. 90113

Silent since August 7, 2017

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Southmayd:

This letter concerns the request you filed on June 7, 2018, on behalf of Houston Christian Broadcasters, Inc. (HCB), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KBLC to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that HCB stated that Station KBLC(FM) went silent on August 7, 2017, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on August 23, 2017, and expired on February 19, 2018.<sup>1</sup> HCB requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

HCB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KBLC(FM) to remain silent until August 7, 2018. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KBLC(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 8, 2018.**<sup>2</sup>

HCB is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If HCB 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.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup>

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan  
Deputy Chief, Audio Division  
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<sup>1</sup> We note that HCB failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station KBLC(FM) to remain silent beyond February 19, 2018, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between February 19, 2018, and June 7, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>3</sup> *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.

<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).