

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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In re: **WPAK(AM), Farmville, VA**  
Facility ID No. 24456  
Silent since December 31, 2019  
  
Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Adamchak:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 31, 2020, on behalf of Robert E. Phillips (REP), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WPAK to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that REP stated that Station WPAK(AM) went silent on December 31, 2019, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on February 7, 2020, and expired on August 5, 2020. REP requests extension of its STA for continuing financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

REP's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WPAK(AM) to remain silent until December 31, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WPAK(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2021.**<sup>1</sup>

REP is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If REP 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>2</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>3</sup>

Sincerely,



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Sent via email to ADAMCHAK@FHHLAW.COM

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</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>3</sup> See 47 CFR. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).