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In re: W263AS, Vassalboro, ME
Facility ID No. 139521
Silent since October 19, 2011

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Oxenford:

This letter concerns the request you filed on June 26, 2012, on behalf of Educational Media Foundation ("EMF"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W263AS to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that EMF stated that Station W263AS went silent on October 19, 2011, pending a proposal to change station location. The previous STA was granted on December 29, 2011, and expired on June 26, 2012. EMF requests extension of its STA while it waits for the lease from the new site owner. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

EMF's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W263AS to remain silent until October 19, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W263AS will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., October 20, 2012.**¹ 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. Finally, 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).

Sincerely,


Lisa A. Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
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¹ 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.