

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **K288GA, Sioux Falls, SD**
Facility ID No. 138081
Silent since December 4, 2019

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Chautin:

This letter concerns the request you filed on June 26, 2020, on behalf of University of Northwestern-St Paul (UNSP), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K288GA to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that UNSP stated that Station K288GA went silent on December 4, 2019, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on January 9, 2020, and expired on July 7, 2020. UNSP requests extension of its STA pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

UNSP's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K288GA to remain silent until December 4, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K288GA will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., December 5, 2020.**¹

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



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Sent via email to JCHAUTIN@HARDYCAREY.COM

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 CFR. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).