

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554**

**IN REPLY REFER TO:  
1800B3-KLJ**

August 24, 2010

Samuel D. Bush  
Saga Communications, Inc.  
73 Kercheval Avenue  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

**In re: K259BW, Yankton, SD**  
Facility ID No. 154848  
Silent Since October 6, 2009

Request For Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Bush :

This letter concerns the request, filed on June 2, 2010, on behalf of Saga Communications, Inc. ("Saga"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station K259BW to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that K259BW went silent on October 6, 2009, due to interference issues with another station. On October 8, 2009, Saga requested a STA for the station to remain silent until the interference problems were resolved. The STA was granted October 19, 2009, and expired April 17, 2010. Saga's current request states that additional time is needed to relocate to a new site. Accordingly, Saga request that the STA be extended. Saga's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Saga's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K259BW to remain silent until October 6, 2010. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for K259BW will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., October 7, 2010.**<sup>1</sup> See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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<sup>1</sup> Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must either be electronically filed or mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission  
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room E-B450  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20554

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 stations' towers shall be maintained. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Finally, the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1740(a)(4), permit licensees to discontinue operations for good cause and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority, provided that the licensee notify Commission by letter "not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or discontinued operations" and if operations are not able to commence by that time, "informal written request shall be made to the FCC no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary. Saga failed to timely submit a request for a STA to permit K259BW to remain silent beyond April 17, 2010, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between April 17, 2010, and June 2, 2010.

Sincerely,



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Supervisory Attorney  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Gary S. Smithwick, Esq.