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In re: **W283AR, Higgston, GA**  
Facility ID No. 138323  
Silent since March 30, 2016  
  
Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 27, 2016, on behalf of HRN Broadcasting, Inc. ("HRNB"), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W283AR to remain silent.

HRNB's request states that Station W283AR went silent on March 30, 2016, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

HRNB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W283AR to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W283AR will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., March 31, 2017.**<sup>2</sup>

HRNB is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If HRNB 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>

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority.<sup>5</sup> This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or

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<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>3</sup> 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).

<sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4).

discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. HRNB failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station W283AR to remain silent beyond April 30, 2016, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between April 30, 2016, and September 27, 2016.

Sincerely,



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