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**In re: KCIF(FM), Hilo, HI**  
Facility ID No. 81518  
Silent since December 6, 2019

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Alpert:

This letter concerns the request you filed on January 21, 2020, on behalf of Hilo Christian Broadcasting Corp. (Hilo), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KCIF to remain silent.

Hilo's request states that Station KCIF(FM) went silent on December 6, 2019, for financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Hilo's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KCIF(FM) 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 KCIF(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., December 7, 2020.**<sup>1</sup>

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

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensee to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority. See 47 CFR § 73.1740(a)(4). This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or discontinued operations, and require a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. Hilo failed to

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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).

submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station KCIF(FM) to remain silent beyond January 6, 2020, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between January 6, 2020 and January 21, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Victoria', followed by a horizontal line that ends in an arrowhead pointing to the right.

Victoria McCauley  
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