

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

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In re: **WPON(AM), Walled Lake, MI**
Facility ID No. 22045
Silent since September 11, 2017

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 11, 2017, on behalf of Birch Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WPON to remain silent.

BBC's request states that Station WPON(AM) went silent on September 11, 2017, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

BBC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WPON(AM) 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 WPON(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., September 12, 2018.**²

BBC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If BBC 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.³

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.⁴

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan
Deputy Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

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

² See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

³ *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.

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).