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In reply refer to:
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In re: W296CG, Detroit, MI
Facility ID No. 148656
Silent since October 18, 2012

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Oxenford:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 19, 2013, on behalf of Educational Media Foundation ("EMF"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W296CG to remain silent.

EMF's request states that Station W296CG went silent on October 18, 2012, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

EMF's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W296CG to remain silent until October 18, 2013. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W296CG will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., October 19, 2013.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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

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. See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4). This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. EMF failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station W296CG to remain silent beyond November 18, 2012, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between November 18, 2012, and April 19, 2013.

Sincerely,



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

² In addition to filing electronically with the Commission on the date operations resume, notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.