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In re: **KPTO(AM), Pocatello, ID**
Facility ID No. 129638
Silent since May 1, 2017

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Helmick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 20, 2017, on behalf of Sun Valley Media Group, LLC (Sun Valley), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Station KPTO to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that Sun Valley stated that Station KPTO(AM) went silent on May 1, 2017, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on July 10, 2017, and expired on January 6, 2018. Sun Valley requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Sun Valley's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KPTO(AM) to remain silent until May 1, 2018. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KPTO(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., May 2, 2018.**¹

Sun Valley is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If Sun Valley 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.²

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.³

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan
Deputy Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² *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.

³ See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).