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In re: **KIPA(AM), Hilo, HI**
Facility ID No. 33324
Silent since October 9, 2011

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Tillotson:

This letter concerns the request you filed on June 6, 2012, on behalf of Chaparral Broadcasting, Inc. ("Chaparral"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station KIPA to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that Station KIPA(AM) went silent on October 9, 2011, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on January 3, 2012, and expired on July 1, 2012. Chaparral requests extension of its STA pending the proposed assignment of its license. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Chaparral's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KIPA(AM) to remain silent until October 9, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KIPA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., October 10, 2012.¹** 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. 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. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,



Lisa A. Scanlan
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¹ 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.