

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554**

October 25, 2011

**IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-VM**

Josue Lopez
Bilingual Broadcasting Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 7189
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

In re: KBBF(FM), Calistoga, CA
Facility ID No. 5310
Silent since April 2, 2011

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Lopez:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 12, 2011, on behalf of Bilingual Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. ("BBF"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Station KBBF to remain silent.

BBF's request states that Station KBBF(FM) went silent on April 2, 2011, due to lightning damage to its antenna site. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

BBF's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KBBF(FM) to remain silent until April 2, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KBBF(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., April 3, 2012.**¹ See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Taft Snowdon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." being particularly prominent.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau