



Federal Communications Commission
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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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RE: **W224CA, Ludington, MI**
Facility ID No. 145382
Silent since December 30, 2020
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Hayes:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 9, 2021, on behalf of Synergy Media, Inc. (SM), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W224CA to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SM stated that Station W224CA went silent on December 30, 2020, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on April 2, 2021, and will expire on September 29, 2021.¹ SM requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

SM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W224CA to remain silent until December 30, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W224CA will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., December 31, 2021.**²

SM is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SM 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,

Victoria McCauley
Attorney, Audio Division
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¹ We note that SM failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station W224CA to remain silent beyond September 29, 2021. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between September 29, 2021, and January 19, 2021.

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).