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In re: **W282AO, Canton, IL**  
Facility ID No. 141941  
Silent since May 20, 2013

Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 3, 2013, on behalf of Illinois Association of Seventh-Day Adventists ("ISDA"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Radio Station W282AO to remain silent.

ISDA's request states that Station W282AO went silent on May 20, 2013, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

ISDA's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W282AO to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W282AO will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., May 21, 2014.**<sup>2</sup> 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. Additionally, 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).

Finally, Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. ISDA failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station W282AO to remain silent beyond June 20, 2013, and the action

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<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

<sup>2</sup> 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](mailto:Denise.Williams@FCC.gov).

taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between June 20, 2013, and July 3, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Scanlan".

Lisa Scanlan  
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