

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

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

April 29, 2010

Tom Birch
Lakes Media LLC
7120 Trenton Ridge Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27613

In re: W279AO, Danville, VA
Facility ID No. 154006
Silent Since March 16, 2010

Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Birch:

This letter concerns the request, filed on March 16, 2010, on behalf of Lakes Media LLC ("Lakes"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W279AO to remain silent.

Lakes' request states that W279AO went silent on March 16, 2010, due to the station relocating to a new tower. Lakes' request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988¹

Lakes' request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W279AO 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 W279AO will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. , March 17, 2011.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 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

¹ In the event extension of Special Temporary Authority is sought, please renew the certification in this manner.

² Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission
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445 12th Street, S.W.
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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. Sections 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. Taft" being more prominent and the last name "Snowdon" following in a similar style.

H. Taft Snowdon
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