

**9FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

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In re: **K278BJ, K238BA, Mitchell, SD**  
Facility ID Nos. 142012, 148217  
Silent since December 10, 2014  
  
Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Smithwick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 11, 2014, on behalf of Saga Communications Of South Dakota, LLC ("SCSD"), for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to permit FM Translator Stations K278BJ and K238BA to remain silent.

SCSD's request states that Stations K278BJ and K238BA went silent on December 10, 2014, pending the proposed modification of their facilities. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

SCSD's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Stations K278BJ and K238BA to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast licenses for Stations K278BJ and K238BA will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., December 11, 2015.**<sup>2</sup>

SCSD is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SCSD does not file the notification of resumption of operations for either station in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.<sup>3</sup>

The stations' 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 stations' towers shall be maintained until removed.<sup>4</sup>

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan  
Assistant Chief, Audio Division  
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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> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).