

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Dan J. Alpert, Esq.
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In re: **WQMS(AM), Quitman, MS**
Facility ID No. 54325
Silent since July 12, 2019

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Alpert:

This letter concerns the request you filed on April 27, 2020, on behalf of Matadors, LLC (Matadors), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WQMS to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that Matadors stated that Station WQMS(AM) went silent on July 12, 2019, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on September 25, 2020, and expired on March 23, 2020.¹ Matadors requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Matadors request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WQMS(AM) to remain silent until July 12, 2020. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WQMS(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., July 13, 2020.**²

Matadors is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If Matadors 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
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Media Bureau

Sent via email to DJA@COMMLAW.TV

¹ We note that Matadors failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station WQMS(AM) to remain silent beyond March 23, 2020. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between March 23, 2020, and April 27, 2020.

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 CFR. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).