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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **W243BW, Amherst, NY**
Facility ID No. 151082
Silent since April 30, 2016

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Jazzo:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 21, 2016, on behalf of Pennsylvania Media Associates, Inc. (PMA), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W243BW to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that PMA stated that Station W243BW went silent on April 30, 2016, pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on June 29, 2016, and expired on December 26, 2016. PMA requests extension of its STA for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

PMA's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W243BW to remain silent until April 30, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W243BW will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., May 1, 2017.¹**

PMA is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If PMA 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.²

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.³

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
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¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² *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.

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).