

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

February 16, 2011

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

Charles Gray, President
Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc.
218 N. Walcott
Casper, WY 82602

In re: KXXM(AM), Hot Springs, SD
Facility ID No. 46713
Silent Since December 13, 2010
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Gray:

This letter concerns the request, filed on December 13, 2010, on behalf of Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc. ("Mt. Rushmore"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Station KXXM to remain silent.

Mt. Rushmore's request states that KXXM(AM) went silent on December 13, 2010, due to equipment problems. Mt. Rushmore's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Mt. Rushmore's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit AM Station KXXM to remain silent for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for KXXM(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. on December 14, 2011.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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

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

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room 2-B450
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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. 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,



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cc: Lee J. Peltzman, Esq.