

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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Mr. Robert E. Phillips II
8357 New Chapel Road
Spout Spring, VA 24593

In re: **WPAK(AM), Farmville, VA**
Facility ID No. 24456
Silent since December 31, 2019

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This letter concerns the request you filed on January 7, 2020, for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WPAK to remain silent.

Your request states that Station WPAK(AM) went silent on December 31, 2019, for financial reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Your request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WPAK(AM) 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 Station WPAK(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2021.**²

You are required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If you do 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
Attorney, Audio Division
Media Bureau

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

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 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).