

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

December 5, 2011

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

Rich Parker
Vermont Public Radio
365 Troy Avenue
Colchester, VT 05446

In re: W237BF, Middlebury, VT
Facility ID No. 139956
Silent since September 12, 2011

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Parker:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 14, 2011, on behalf of Vermont Public Radio ("VPR") for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W237BF to remain silent.

VPR's request states that W237BF went silent on September 12, 2011, pending a proposed change of station location. This request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

VPR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W237BF 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 W237BF will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., September 13, 2012.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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

² In addition to filing electronically with the Commission on the date operations resume, notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

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. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,



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cc: John C. Crigler, Esq.