

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

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In re: **WFTU(AM), Riverhead, NY**  
Facility ID No. 18238  
Silent since January 27, 2017  
  
Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Tepper:

This letter concerns the request you filed on January 30, 2017, on behalf of Five Towns College (FTC), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WFTU to remain silent.

FTC's request states that Station WFTU(AM) went silent on January 27, 2017, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

FTC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WFTU(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 WFTU(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 28, 2018.**<sup>2</sup>

FTC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If FTC 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.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup>

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan  
Assistant Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

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

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>3</sup> *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.

<sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).