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In re: WBVA(AM), Bayside, VA
Facility ID No. 84068
Silent since March 27, 2015

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 19, 2015, on behalf of Birach Broadcasting Corporation ("BBC"), for extension of Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station WBVA to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that BBC stated that Station WBVA(AM) went silent on March 27, 2015, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on April 15, 2015, and expired on October 12, 2015. WBVA 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.

BBC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WBVA(AM) to remain silent until March 27, 2016. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WBVA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., March 28, 2016.**¹

BBC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If BBC 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. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Scanlan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Scanlan" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Scanlan
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