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**RE: W297BQ, Albany, GA**  
Facility ID No. 21026  
Silent since September 3, 2020  
Request for Extension of Special  
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. McCormick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on June 7, 2021, on behalf of Family Stations, Inc. (FS), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W297BQ to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that FS stated that Station W297BQ went silent on September 3, 2020, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on December 9, 2020, and expired on June 7, 2021. FS requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

FS's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W297BQ to remain silent until September 3, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W297BQ will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., September 4, 2021.**<sup>1</sup>

FS is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If FS 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>2</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>3</sup>

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</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>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).