

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

October 18, 2011

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

Kevin Terry
The Montana Radio Company, LLC
2425 W. Central Ave
Missoula, MT 59801

In re: KMXM(FM), Helena Valley NE, MT
Facility ID No. 164132
Silent Since May 28, 2011

Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Terry:

This letter concerns the request, filed on May 31, 2011, on behalf of The Montana Radio Company, LLC ("Montana"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Station KMXM to remain silent.

Montana's request states that KMXM(FM) went silent on May 28, 2011, due to the station's interference with KHFG-LP. Montana's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Montana's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KMXM(FM) to remain silent not to exceed May 28, 2012. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for KMXM(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., May 29, 2012.**¹ See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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

¹ 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. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Taft Snowdon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "H".

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: David O'Neil, Esq.