

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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*In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW*

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In re: **WRRS(FM), Middeborough Center, MA**  
Facility ID No. 177016  
Silent since December 28, 2016  
  
Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. McVeigh:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 8, 2017, on behalf of Talking Information Center, Incorporated (TIC), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WRRS to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that TIC stated that Station WRRS(FM) went silent on December 28, 2016, pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on February 1, 2017, and expired on July 31, 2017. TIC 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.

TIC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WRRS(FM) to remain silent until December 28, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WRRS(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., December 29, 2017.**<sup>1</sup>

TIC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If TIC 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,



Lisa Scanlan  
Deputy Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

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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).