



Federal Communications Commission  
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**Sent via electronic mail**

*In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC*

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**RE: WFFG(AM), Marathon, FL**  
Facility ID No. 65664  
Silent since June 2, 2021  
Request for Special  
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. King:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 10, 2021, on behalf of The Great Marathon Company (GMC), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WFFG to remain silent.

GMC's request states that Station WFFG(AM) went silent on June 2, 2021, for financial reasons.

GMC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WFFG(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 WFFG(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., June 3, 2022.<sup>1</sup>**

GMC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If GMC 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>

Finally, section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules permits licensees to temporarily discontinue operations for good cause, and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority.<sup>4</sup> This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of limited or

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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).

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

discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. GMC failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station WFFG(AM) to remain silent beyond July 2, 2021, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between July 2, 2021, and August 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Victoria McCauley  
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