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RE: **W297BV, Louisville, KY**
Facility ID No. 142519
Silent since September 2, 2022
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Lepore:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 15, 2023, on behalf of Word Broadcasting Network, Inc. (WBN), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W297BV to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that WBN stated that Station W297BV went silent on September 2, 2022, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on September 16, 2022, and expires on March 15, 2023. WBN requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

WBN's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W297BV to remain silent until September 2, 2023. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W297BV will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., September 3, 2023.**¹

WBN is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If WBN 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. 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.³

Sincerely,

Victoria McCauley
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¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² *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.

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).