

## Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Sent via electronic mail

Mr. Richard M. Snavely, Jr. 7634 Campbell Creek Rd Bath, NY 14810 ricksnavely@familylife.org

> RE: W223BR, Ithaca, NY Facility ID No. 138904 Silent since July 18, 2022 Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Snavely:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 23, 2023, on behalf of Family Life Ministries, Inc. (FLM), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W223BR to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that FLM stated that Station W223BR went silent on July 18, 2022 pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on September 6, 2022, and expired on March 5, 2023. FLM requests extension of its STA because its modification of facilities remains pending.

FLM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W223BR to remain silent until July 18, 2023. Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W223BR will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., July 19, 2023.<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  In addition, periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the station's records (see 47 CFR §§ 73.1820 (AM/FM/TV), 73.877 (LPFM) and/or 74.1281 (FM translator)). The records shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These log entries must be maintained for a minimum of two years as specified in 47 CFR § 73.1840(a), unless a longer retention period is requested by the staff. Periods of operation may be subject to independent verification that they in fact occurred.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</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.

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>4</sup>

Sincerely,

Victorie Milanley

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).