



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Sent via electronic mail

In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Mr. Todd Urick
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RE: **KNSJ(FM), Descanso, CA**
Facility ID No. 172605
Silent since January 17, 2023
Request for Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Urick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on May 26, 2023, on behalf of Activist San Diego (ASD), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KNSJ to remain silent.

ASD's request states that Station KNSJ(FM) went silent on January 17, 2023, for technical reasons.

ASD's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KNSJ(FM) 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 KNSJ(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., January 18, 2024.**¹

ASD is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.² If ASD 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.³

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.⁴

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.⁵ This rule requires that the licensee notify the Commission by letter not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations, and requires a licensee to seek Commission authorization for any period of

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² 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.

³ *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.

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

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4).

limited or discontinued operations exceeding 30 days. ASD failed to submit a timely request for an STA to permit Station KNSJ(FM) to remain silent beyond February 17, 2023, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between February 17, 2023, and May 26, 2023.⁶

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and last name "McCauley" clearly distinguishable.

Victoria McCauley
Attorney, Audio Division
Media Bureau

⁶ ASD claims that it sent notice of its silent status to the Commission on February 6, 2023. However, it never filed a request for STA and this request is considered late filed pursuant to section 73.1740(a)(4) of the rules.