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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

Sent via electronic mail

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> RE: K272GD, South Fresno, CA Facility ID No. 144742 Silent since October 10, 2023 Request for Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Denbo:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 12, 2023, on behalf of Gary M. Cocola (GMC), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K272GD to remain silent.

GMC's request states that Station K272GD went silent on October 10, 2023, for technical reasons.

GMC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K272GD 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 K272GD will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2024.¹

GMC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.² 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.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

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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

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