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Sent via electronic mail

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RE: K285FC, Jefferson City, MO

Facility ID No. 140026 Silent since August 11, 2023 Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Chautin:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 6, 2024, on behalf of University of Northwestern St. Paul (UNWSP), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K285FC to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that UNWSP stated that Station K285FC went silent on August 11, 2023, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on August 16, 2023, and expired on February 15, 2024. UNWSP requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

UNWSP's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K285FC to remain silent until August 11, 2024. Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K285FC will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 12, 2024.

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

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g). The date set in this letter for the license expiration supersedes any notice generated from the FCC Licensing and Management System (LMS).

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.

broadcast license. In the event of license cancellation, 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,
Victoria Milanley

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