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**Sent via electronic mail**

*In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC*

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**RE: W256CW, Rutland, VT**  
Facility ID No. 139970  
Silent since August 4, 2023  
Request for Extension of Special  
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 12, 2024, on behalf of Vermont Public Co. (VP), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W256CW to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that VP stated that Station W256CW went silent on August 4, 2023, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on August 16, 2023, and expired on February 15, 2024. VP requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

VP's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W256CW to remain silent until August 4, 2024. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W256CW will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., August 5, 2024.**<sup>1</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

<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>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. 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.<sup>4</sup>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Victoria McCauley  
Attorney, Audio Division  
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<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).