

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

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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

## Sent via electronic mail

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RE: WFME(AM), New York, NY Facility ID No. 29024 Silent since March 4, 2024 Request for Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Victory:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 13, 2024, on behalf of Family Stations, Inc. (FS), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WFME to remain silent.

FS's request states that Station WFME(AM) went silent on March 4, 2024, for technical reasons.

FS's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WFME(AM) 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 WFME(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., <sup>1</sup>

FS is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.<sup>2</sup> If FS 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). <u>The date set in this letter for the license expiration supersedes any notice generated from</u> the FCC Licensing and Management System (LMS).

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

Victoria Milanley

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