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RE: KDNM(FM), Reserve, NM
Facility ID No. 175526
Silent since December 30, 2021
Request for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 6, 2022, on behalf of KUTE, Inc. (KUTE), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station KDNM to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that KUTE stated that Station KDNM(FM) went silent on December 30, 2021, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on March 4, 2022, and expired on August 31, 2022.¹ KUTE requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

KUTE's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KDNM(FM) to remain silent until December 30, 2022. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KDNM(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., December 31, 2022.**²

KUTE is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If KUTE 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 We note that KUTE failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to permit Station KDNM(FM) to remain silent beyond August 31, 2022. The action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between August 31, 2022, and September 6, 2022.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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. 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).