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**RE: K287AD, Bemidji, MN**  
Facility ID No. 49542  
Silent since January 31, 2022  
Request for Extension of Special  
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Virtue:

This letter concerns the request you filed on October 19, 2022, on behalf of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K287AD to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that LLBO stated that Station K287AD went silent on January 31, 2022, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on April 28, 2022, and expired on October 25, 2022. LLBO requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

LLBO's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K287AD to remain silent until January 31, 2023. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K287AD will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., February 1, 2023.**<sup>1</sup>

LLBO is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If LLBO 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>2</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 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.<sup>3</sup>

Sincerely,

Victoria McCauley  
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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</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.

<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).