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RE: **KTPT-FM1, Rapid City, SD**  
Facility ID No. 158780  
Silent since April 14, 2022  
Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Chautin:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 14, 2022, on behalf of Bethesda Christian Broadcasting (BCB), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Booster Station KTPT-FM1 to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that BCB stated that Station KTPT-FM1 went silent on April 14, 2022. The previous STA was granted on June 30, 2022, and expires on December 27, 2022. BCB requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

BCB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KTPT-FM1 to remain silent until April 14, 2023. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KTPT-FM1 will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., April 15, 2023.**<sup>1</sup>

BCB is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If BCB 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,

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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).