

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

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## Sent via electronic mail

Mr. Larry Langford Langford Broadcast Group 6040 S Bishop St Chicago, IL 60636 larrylangford@aol.com In reply refer to: 1800B3-CP

RE: W272BZ, Portage, IN

Facility ID No. 143915 Silent since June 30, 2023 Request for Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Langford:

This letter concerns the request you filed on June 6, 2023, on behalf of Langford Broadcast, LLC (LB), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W272BZ to remain silent.

LB's request states that Station W272BZ went silent on June 30, 2023, for technical reasons.

LB's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W272BZ 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 W272BZ will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2024.

LB is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.<sup>2</sup> If LB 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>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

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<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. 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,

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