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Sent via electronic mail

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RE: WLLS(FM), Beulah, MI

Facility ID No. 14646 Silent since April 15, 2023 Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Trent:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 9, 2023, on behalf of N Content Marketing, LLC (NCM), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WLLS to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that NCM stated that Station WLLS(FM) went silent on April 15, 2023, for financial reasons. The previous STA was granted on May 1, 2023, and expired on October 31, 2023. NCM requests extension of its STA for continuing financial reasons.

NCM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WLLS(FM) to remain silent until April 15, 2024. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WLLS(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., April 16, 2024.**¹

NCM is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.² If NCM 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

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¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g). The date set in this letter for the license expiration supersedes any notice generated from the FCC Licensing and Management System (LMS).

² 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.

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. 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.⁴

Sincerely,
Victoria Milanley

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⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).