



Federal Communications Commission  
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Sent via electronic mail

*In reply refer to: 1800B3-KC*

Mr. Jared Ghioto  
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RE: **WSDH(FM), Sandwich, MA**  
Facility ID No. 59002  
Silent since June 16, 2023  
Request for Extension of Special  
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Ghioto:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 29, 2023, on behalf of Sandwich, Massachusetts Public Schools (SMPS), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WSDH to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SMPS stated that Station WSDH(FM) went silent on June 16, 2023, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on August 7, 2023, and expires on February 6, 2024. SMPS requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

SMPS's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WSDH(FM) to remain silent until June 16, 2024. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WSDH(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., June 17, 2023.**<sup>1</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

<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>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. 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.<sup>4</sup>

Sincerely,



Victoria McCauley  
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Media Bureau

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