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*In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW*

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In re: **K238AX, Brookings, SD**  
Facility ID No. 142001  
Silent since February 27, 2018

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Virtue:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 14, 2018, on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio (MPR), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station K238AX to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that MPR stated that Station K238AX went silent on February 27, 2018, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on March 12, 2018, and expired on September 8, 2018. MPR requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

MPR's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K238AX to remain silent until February 27, 2019. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station K238AX will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., February 28, 2019.**<sup>1</sup>

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



Lisa Scanlan  
Deputy Chief, Audio Division  
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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).