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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554

IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-KLJ

October 27, 2009

Horizon Christian Fellowship
Michael Macintosh
5331 Mt. Alifan Drive
San Diego, CA 92111

In re: W256AZ, Mount Carmel, IL
Facility ID No. 152770
Silent Since November 18, 2008
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Macintosh:

This letter concerns the request, filed on September 30, 2009 on behalf of Horizon Christian Fellowship, for Special Temporary Authority to permit Translator Station W256AZ to remain silent.

Horizon Christian Fellowship's request states that W256AZ went silent on November 18, 2008, for financial reasons. The licensee removed the station from service pending sale of the facility. Horizon Christian Fellowship's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.[1]

Horizon Christian Fellowship's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W256AZ to remain silent until November 18, 2009. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for W256AZ will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. November 19, 2009.**[2] *See* Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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[1] In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter .

[2] Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room 2-B450
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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. Finally, we note that 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. *See* 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Finally, the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1740(a)(4), permit licensees to discontinue operations for good cause and for a period not to exceed 30 days without further authority, provided that the licensee notify the Commission by letter "not later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operations" and if operations are not able to commence by that time, "informal written request shall be made to the FCC no later than the 30th day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary. Horizon Christian Fellowship recognizes that it failed to timely submit a request for a STA to permit Translator Station W256AZ to remain silent beyond November 18, 2008, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between November 18, 2008, and September 30, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Harry C. Martin, Esq.