FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554

IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-KLJ

March 22, 2010

Wolfgang Kurtz
Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc.
P. O. Box 75
Girdwood, AK 99587

In re: KWMD(FM), Kasilof, AK
Facility ID No. 93248
Silent Since January 31, 2010

Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

This letter concerns the request, filed on January 21, 2010, on behalf of Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc. ("Alaska Educational"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM station KWMD to remain silent.

Alaska Educational's request states that KWMD(FM) would go silent on January 31, 2010, to comply with an Order and Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (DA 09-2627, Released December 23, 2009). Alaska Educational's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.[1]

Alaska Educational's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KWMD(FM) 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 KWMD(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. , February 1, 2011.**[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 manner.

[2] Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:
Federal Communications Commission
Attn: 1800B3-DW,Roonm 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).

Sincerely,

H. Taft Snowdon
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Media Bureau