

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
1800B3-KAW

John Walton  
Walton Stations New Mexico, Inc.  
1096 Mechem Drive  
Ruidoso, NM 88345

In re: K234AQ, Ruidoso Downs, NM  
Facility ID No. 147648  
Silent Since November 11, 2009  
Request For Special Temporary  
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Walton:

This letter concerns the request, filed on January 6, 2010, on behalf of Walton Stations New Mexico, Inc., for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station K234AQ to remain silent.

Walton Stations New Mexico, Inc.'s request states that K234AQ went silent on November 11, 2009, due to the relocation of its antenna. Walton Stations New Mexico, Inc.'s request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

Walton Stations New Mexico, Inc.'s request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit FM Translator Station K234AQ to remain silent for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for K234AQ will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. November 12, 2010.**<sup>2</sup> See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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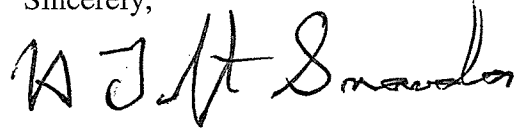
<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter .

<sup>2</sup>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).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Taft Snowdon". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

H. Taft Snowdon  
Supervisory Attorney  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Richard J. Hayes, Jr., Esq.