FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554

May 3, 2010

IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-DW

Wolfgang Kurtz, President
Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc.
33282 Brown's Lake Road
Soldotna, AK 99669

In re: KABN-FM, Kasilof, AK
Facility ID No. 165966
Silent Since January 31, 2010
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr.Kurtz:

This letter concerns your request, filed on April 13, 2010, on behalf of Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc. ("AERS") for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to permit Station KABN-FM to remain silent.

AERS's request states that KABN-FM went silent on January 31, 2010, due to the re-engineering of the station's combiner/antenna system, as we as acquiring additional equipment. AERS's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. [1]

AERS's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KABN-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 KABN-FM will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. on 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 matter.

[2] Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be electronically filed or 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 stations' tower shall be maintained. *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. AERS recognizes that it failed to timely submit a request for an STA to permit KABN-FM to remain silent beyond January 31, 2010, and the action taken herein shall not be construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between January 31, 2010, and April 13, 2010.

Sincerely,

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Services Division
Mass Media Bureau