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July 18, 2011

IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-FMH

Nancy A. Epperson
Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corp.
3780 Will Scarlet Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

In re: **WLVA(AM), Lynchburg, VA**
Facility ID No. 39579
Silent Since May 4, 2011

Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Epperson:

This letter concerns the request, filed on May 18, 2011, on behalf of Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corp. ("Chesapeake"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Station WLVA to remain silent.

Chesapeake's request states that WLVA(AM) went silent on May 4, 2011, due tp technical problems. Chesapeake's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.[1]

Chesapeake's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WLVA(AM) 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 WLVA(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 am., May 5, 2012.**[2] *See* Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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

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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:

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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,

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Media Bureau

cc: James P. Riley, Esq.