FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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January 18, 2012

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Maurice Gaines, President
804 N Broadway
Knoxville, TN 37917

In re: WITM(AM), Marion, VA
Facility ID No. 19478
Silent since October 31, 2011

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear. Mr. Gaines:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 14, 2011, on behalf of Praise and Glory Ministries ("PGM"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station WITM to remain silent.

PGM's request states that Station WITM(AM) went silent on October 31, 2011, due to vandalism and theft of equipment. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.[1]

PGM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WITM(AM) 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 Station WITM(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., November 1, 2012.**[2] *See* Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 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 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. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

Lisa Scanlan

Lisa A. Scanlan
Assistant Chief, Audio Division
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[1] In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

[2] In addition to filing electronically with the Commission on the date operations resume, notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.