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In re: **K296FI, Pierre, SD**
Facility ID No. 149245
Silent since June 22, 2015

Request for Special Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Sciarrino:

This letter concerns the request you filed on July 6, 2015, on behalf of James River Broadcasting Company ("JRBC"), for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to permit FM Translator Station K296FI to remain silent.

JRBC's request states that Station K296FI went silent on June 22, 2015, for technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.[1]

JRBC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station K296FI 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 K296FI will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., June 23, 2016.**[2]

JRBC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If JRBC does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.[3]

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. 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.[4]

Sincerely,

Lisa Scanlan

Lisa 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] *See* 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

[3] In addition to filing a notification of resumption of operations electronically on the date operations resume, notification of resumption must also be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

[4] *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).