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**Sent via electronic mail**

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**RE: KXAR(AM), Hope, AR**  
Facility ID No. 33763  
Silent since April 22, 2022  
Request for Extension of Special  
Temporary Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Smithwick:

This letter concerns the request you filed on February 14, 2023, on behalf of Newport Broadcasting Company (NBC), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station KXAR to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that NBC stated that Station KXAR(AM) went silent on April 22, 2022, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on August 11, 2022, and expired on February 15, 2023. NBC requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons.

NBC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station KXAR(AM) to remain silent until April 22, 2023. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KXAR(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., April 23, 2023.**<sup>1</sup>

NBC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If NBC 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria McCauley".

Victoria McCauley  
Attorney, Audio Division  
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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* 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.

<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).