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In re: **W227BL, Galena, IL**
Facility ID No. 145228
Silent since March 3, 2016

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Oxenford:

This letter concerns the request you filed on August 30, 2016, on behalf of Mid-West Management, Inc. (MWM), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Translator Station W227BL to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that MWM stated that Station W227BL went silent on March 3, 2016, pending the proposed modification of its facilities. The previous STA was granted on March 10, 2016, and expired on September 6, 2016. MWM requests extension of its STA because its modification remains pending. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

MWM's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W227BL to remain silent until March 3, 2017. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station W227BL will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., March 4, 2017.¹**

MWM is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If MWM 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.²

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.³

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan
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¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² 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.

³ See 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).