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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
1800B3-KAW

Thomas J. Kigin  
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480 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

**In re: K286AW, Mankato, MN**  
Facility ID No. 150348  
Silent Since December 23, 2008  
Request For Special Temporary  
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Kigin:

This letter concerns the request, filed on January 21, 2009, on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio, for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station K286AW to remain silent.

Minnesota Public Radio's request states that K286AW went silent on December 23, 2008, due to the relocation of its tower site. Minnesota Public Radio's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.<sup>1</sup>

Minnesota Public Radio's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit FM Translator Station K286AW to remain silent until December 23, 2009. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for K286AW will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. December 24, 2009.**<sup>2</sup> See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

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<sup>1</sup> In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter .

<sup>2</sup>Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission  
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room 2-B450  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,



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Media Bureau

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