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IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-DW

Thomas J. Kigin, Vice President
Minnesota Public Radio
480 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

In re: K237ET, New Ulm, MN
Facility ID No. 152814
Silent Since October 28, 2009
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Kigin:

This letter concerns your request, filed on November 12, 2009, on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR") for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station K237ET to remain silent.

MPR's request states that K237ET went silent on October 28, 2009, due to the loss of the tower lease. MPR's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

MPR's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit FM Translator Station K237ET to remain silent for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for K237ET will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. October 29, 2010.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

¹ In the event extension of Special Temporary Authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

²Notification 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Scanlon".

H. Taft Snowdon *for*
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Todd M. Stansbury, Esquire