

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

April 23, 1998

**In Reply Refer To:
1800B3-GDG**

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In re: K280EB Albert Lea, MN
Silent Since: 3/13/98
Request for Special Temporary Authority

Dear Ms. Moylan:

This letter concerns the request, filed April 7, 1998, on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio, to permit FM Translator K280EB to remain silent.

Your letter states that the station suspended operations March 13, 1998, due to technical difficulties. You indicate that the station is "working to resolve the severe feedback of the translator's carrier," but that "additional time will be needed to correct the issue and restore service to the translator." Your request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Your request will be granted. Accordingly, special temporary authority is granted to permit FM translator K280EB to remain silent for a period not to exceed ninety days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for K280EB will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by March 13, 1999.² See Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, § 403(1) (1996) and Order, Silent Station Authorizations, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996).**

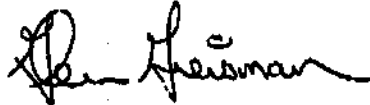
¹In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

²Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: 1800B3-GDG, Room 332
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 and for extension of time within which to construct authorized facilities.

Sincerely,



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