



# Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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**Sent via electronic mail**

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RE: **WTLB(AM), Utica, NY**  
Facility ID No. 54548  
Silent since December 29, 2025  
Request for Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Buckman:

This letter concerns the request you filed on December 29, 2025, on behalf of Galaxy Utica Licensee LLC (NEW) (Licensee), for Special Temporary Authority to permit AM Radio Station WTLB (Station) to remain silent.

Licensee's request states that the Station went silent on December 29, 2025.<sup>1</sup>

Licensee's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit the Station 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 the Station will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 11:59 p.m., December 29, 2026.**<sup>2</sup>

Licensee is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume.<sup>3</sup> If Licensee does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the Station's license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.<sup>4</sup>

The Station's silent status does not suspend Licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. In the event of license cancellation, 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>5</sup>

Sincerely,

*Albert Shuldiner*

Albert Shuldiner  
Chief, Audio Division  
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<sup>1</sup> See <https://enterpriseefiling.fcc.gov/dataentry/views/public/amDraftCopy?&id=25076ff39b47a541019b6b61cb6f06a3>

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g). The date in this letter supersedes any notice generated from the FCC Licensing and Management System.

<sup>3</sup> In addition, periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the Station's records (see 47 CFR §§ 73.1820 (AM/FM/TV), 73.877 (LPFM) and/or 74.1281 (FM Translator)). The records shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These log entries must be maintained for a minimum of two years as specified in 47 CFR § 73.1840(a), unless a longer retention period is requested by staff. Periods of operation may be subject to independent verification that they in fact occurred.

<sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).