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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
9050 Junction Drive  
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

**Re: WIPR-FM, San Juan, Puerto Rico (Facility No. 53860)  
Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation (FRN 0005832233)  
Request for Extension of STA**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation ("PRPBC"), by its counsel, respectfully requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") associated with radio station WIPR-FM, San Juan, Puerto Rico (Facility No. 53860) ("Station") (Original File No. BSTA-20200124AAM, as most recently extended by File No. BESTA-20210826AAD).

As previously explained to the Commission, in September 2017, the Station ceased broadcasting altogether due to the devastating impact of Hurricane Maria. Since that time, the Station has been operating under STA from various locations, most recently from a site known as "La Mesa," and the purpose of this request is to obtain Commission consent to continue operating the Station from La Mesa for an additional six-month period.

The Station's licensed site is known as "Cerro La Santa," in Cayey, Puerto Rico. The owner of that site is the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources ("DRNA"). The tower that was located there (until Hurricane Maria knocked it down) was owned by WAPA-TV. After WAPA-TV informed PRPBC of its decision not to rebuild the tower, PRPBC entered into an agreement directly with DRNA to erect a new tower at the site. The FAA has approved construction of the new tower. However, because of the landlord/tenant relationship

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between DRNA and WAPA-TV, before construction at Cerro La Santa can begin, WAPA-TV must officially relinquish all of its rights to the site. PRPBC expects that WAPA-TV will finalize its “release” of its rights to the site in the near term.

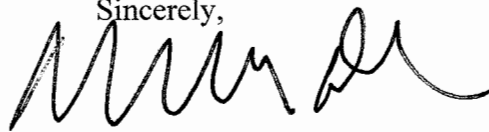
PRPBC has taken substantive steps to restore operations from the Station’s licensed site at Cerro La Santa, as detailed in PRPBC’s previous requests for STA (and extensions thereto). Most recently, on February 14, 2022, PRPBC received approval from the Puerto Rico General Services Administration (“ASG”) to begin tower construction, including the clearing of the base and tower anchors for the laying of the guy wires and the construction of three additional tower anchors. In addition, PRPBC has provided the suppliers of the new transmitter, lines and antennas with purchase orders. Although the tower manufacturer has not yet provided a specific timeline as to when construction will begin, PRPBC is hopeful that construction will begin before the end of 2022. As previously mentioned, PRPBC also will need to construct a new transmitter building at the site, plus other related installations.

Grant of this request is in the public interest because it will allow listeners in San Juan and the surrounding areas to continue to receive the Station’s programming over the air until licensed operations can be restored.

PRPBC hereby certifies that neither it, nor any party thereto, is not subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862. Because the Station is licensed as non-commercial educational, there is no application processing fee associated with this request.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark B. Denbo', written in a cursive style.

Mark B. Denbo  
*Counsel to Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting  
Corporation*

cc: Dale Bickel/FCC (*via e-mail*)