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

Re: WIPR(AM), San Juan, Puerto Rico (Facility No. 53861)

Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation (FRN 0005832233)

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation ("<u>PRPBC</u>"), by its counsel, respectfully requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority ("<u>STA</u>") to continue to allow WIPR(AM), San Juan, Puerto Rico (Facility No. 53861) ("<u>Station</u>") to operate with parameters at variance.

The Station has been operating under a series of STAs from the transmitter site associated with station WKAQ(AM), San Juan, PR (Facility No. 190999) since 1998. PRPBC presently holds a construction permit to move the Station to a new site, owned by Uno Radio (BP-20200811AAQ) ("Construction Permit").

During the past few months, the Station has been broadcasting from the Uno Radio/Construction Permit site, with an effective radiated power of 1.5 kW during the day, and 0.95 kW at night, pursuant to STA granted on July 8, 2022 (File No. BSTA-20220525AAC). PRPBC previously reported that it was unable to file for a license to cover the Construction Permit because of: (a) intermodulation issues with a nearby AM station that had to be rectified; and (b) the need to secure certain equipment in order to conduct the testing required by Condition #4 to the Construction Permit.

PRPBC's consulting engineer reports that the intermodulation issue remains. Unfortunately, PRPBC has not yet been allocated sufficient funds to obtain a calibrated field strength meter to determine the level of the intermodulation. Nevertheless, the engineer was able to run a study confirming that the intermodulation exists, at least on a theoretical basis. The engineer also is in the process of obtaining a filter from the Station's antenna manufacturer.

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PRPBC anticipates that, following receipt and installation of that filter, the intermodulation issues will be sufficiently addressed. PRPBC also is hopeful that it will soon be able to obtain a field strength meter, so that it will be able to conduct the necessary testing to comply with Condition #4 to the Construction Permit. The results of such testing will be included as part of a license to cover the Construction Permit.

In the meantime, PRPBC respectfully requests extension of STA. 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 the Station is able to operate in full compliance with the terms of the Construction Permit.

PRPBC hereby certifies that neither it, nor any party thereto, is 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,

Mark B. Denbo

Counsel to Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting

Corporation

cc: Joseph Szczesny/FCC (via e-mail)