

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554 February 22, 2023

Angel O. Roman-Lopez, President Aerco Broadcasting Corporation 1554 Bori Street, Urb. Caribe San Juan, PR 00927

> Re: Aerco Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) WQBS(AM), San Juan, PR Facility Identification Number: 573 Special Temporary Authority (STA) BESTA-20230207AAE

Dear Mr. Lopez:

This is in reference to the request filed on February 7, 2023. ABC requests a further extension of the STA granted on September 29, 2017, to continue ND operation to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 application to propose a new antenna system due to loss of the first tower in the directional array back in 2019 (ARSN # 1211905).¹ In support of the request, ABC noted that the licensee of WRSJ has already obtained a new construction permit (BP-20220218AAN) authorizing use of the two remaining towers located on the site.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Accordingly, the request for an extension of the STA is HEREBY GRANTED, and ABC may continue ND operation (day and night) using a maximum of 1.25 kW. ABC must reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received, and use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR §1.1310.

¹ WQBS(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 870 kHz with 5 kW (day and night) using the same pattern.

This authority expires on August 21, 2023.

Sincerely, m/ 202 P Joseph Szczesny, Engineer

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