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Re: WIPR(AM), San Juan, PR  
Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed on January 22, 2007, on behalf of the Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation ("PRPBC"), licensee of Station WIPR(AM), San Juan, Puerto Rico.<sup>1</sup> PRPBC requests reinstatement of the special temporary authority ("STA") originally granted on September 28, 1998, and subsequently extended through August 28, 2005. In support of the request, PRPBC states that the WIPR antenna system, which was destroyed by Hurricane Georges, has not been restored because the necessary permits have not yet been issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. PRPBC further states that, on February 22, 2006, it requested authority to temporarily cease operations for financial reasons, and that authority to remain silent was granted through March 3, 2007. PRPBC states that it expects to resume broadcasting between January 25 and February 5, 2007.

Our review indicates that Station WIPR has been silent since March 3, 2006, and thus faces the loss of its license if it does not resume broadcasting before March 3, 2007. Our review also indicates that Station WKAQ has maintained the STA necessary to accommodate the emergency operation of Station WIPR.<sup>2</sup> We note that Station WIPR has not operated with licensed facilities for more than eight years; however restoration of its licensed facilities has been prevented by causes beyond its control, and it states that it now is exploring the possibility of finding an alternate location for its permanent operation. Under the circumstances, we find that the public interest would be served by reinstatement of STA as requested.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIPR may operate from the

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<sup>1</sup> Station WIPR is authorized for operation on 940 kilohertz with 10 kilowatts, unlimited hours, employing a two-tower directional antenna (DA-1-U). Station WKAQ is authorized for operation on 580 kilohertz with 10 kilowatts, unlimited hours, employing a two-tower directional antenna (DA-1-U).

<sup>2</sup> The most recent extension of the WKAQ STA expired on October 1, 2006; however, a request for extension was filed on September 29, 2006, and remains pending.

WKAQ site with a nondirectional antenna, with 10 kilowatts daytime and 2.5 kilowatts nighttime. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. PRPBC must 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.

This authority expires **July 25, 2007**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law upon twelve consecutive months of silence. See Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1) (1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). See also *Public Notice, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller".

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
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cc: Univision Radio Puerto Rico, Inc.  
Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation