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Re: WIPR(AM), San Juan, PR
Facility Identification Number: 53861
Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 22, 2012, on behalf of the Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation ("PRPBC"), licensee of Station WIPR(AM), San Juan, Puerto Rico. PRPBC requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") originally granted on September 28, 1998, for operation from the site of Station WKAQ.¹ In support of the request, PRPBC states that the WIPR antenna system, which was destroyed by Hurricane Georges and is located in wetlands, has not been restored because the necessary permits have not yet been issued by the Army Corps of Engineers ("COE"). PRPBC states that it began preparations to return WIPR's operation to its original site at Cataño but that it received a Cease and Desist Order from COE. PRPBC states that it is continuing the process of coordinating with COE on how best to proceed.

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.

¹ 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).

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIPR may continue to operate from the 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 **November 17, 2012**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, 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