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> Re: WIPR(AM), San Juan, PR Facility Identification Number: 53861 Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation (PRPBC) Special Temporary Authority (STA) BESTA- 20130606AAU

Dear Mr. Liberman:

This is in reference to the request filed on June 6, 2013. PRPBC requests further extension of the STA originally granted on September 28, 1998, for operation from the site of Station WKAQ due to destruction of the licensed antenna in 1998 by a hurricane.¹ In support of the request, PRPBC states that it is attempting to restore licensed operations at the licensed site or an alternate 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.

¹ Station WIPR (940 kHz) and station WKAQ (580 kHz) are both authorized for directional operation with 10 kW unlimited hours.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIPR may continue to operate from the WKAQ site with a non-directional antenna, with 10 kW day and 2.5 kW night. 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 on **January 10, 2014.** It should be noted that since PRPBC has been unable to resume operations at the licensed site for the last 15 years, and last two extension justifications were identical (should have been updated to include latest info), failure to submit an FCC Form 301 minor change application (for permanent facilities at the WKAQ site or to propose a new site facility elsewhere) before the expiration date noted above may result in a denial of any further requests for extension and cancellation of the original STA.

Sincerely, Joseph Szczesny, Engineer Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Marietty Lasanta, Interim President