FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION 445 TWELFTH STREET SW **WASHINGTON DC 20554**

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VI Stereo Communications Corp. P.O. Box 1689 Luquillo, PR 00773-0090

> Re: WVIS (FX), Vieques, PR

> > VI Stereo Communications Corp. Facility Identification Number: 69631

Special Temporary Authority

BSTA-20141110AFB

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to your request filed November 10, 2014 by VI Stereo Communications Corp. ("VI Stereo"). VI Stereo requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate WVIS with temporary facilities at the main studio site. VI Stereo explains that the electric power at the licensed site has been turned off due to nonpayment by the site owner. VI Stereo is working to establish electric service in its own name; in the meantime, the temporary facilities sought in the STA request would allow the station to resume limited service.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review finds that the STA 54 dBu service contour will cover approximately 34 of the community of license, Vieques, PR, enabling WVIS to resume service to that community.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WVIS may operate with the following temporary facilities:

Geographic coordinates:

18° 22′ 28.1″ N, 65° 42′ 57.9″ W (NAD 27)

Channel

291B (106.1 MHz)

Effective radiated power:

1.0 kilowatt (H&V)

Antenna height:

above ground: above mean sea level: above average terrain: 20 meters 32 meters

-63 meters

Tower height above ground level: 22 meters

¹ For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

² For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

VI Stereo must advise the Commission when licensed operations resume. VI Stereo must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on February 13, 2015.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, 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.

Sincerely,

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