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July 17, 2015

Cecille M. Blondet-Passalacqua, President
Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation
Post Office Box 190909
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Re: Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation
(PRPBC)
WIPR(AM), San Juan, PR
Facility Identification Number: 53861
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA- 20150706ABT

Dear Cecille M. Blondet-Passalacqua:

This is in reference to the request filed on July 7, 2015. PRPBC requests a further extension of the STA originally granted on September 28, 1998, as modified on March 5, 1999, for operation from the licensed WKAQ(AM) transmitter site due to destruction of the WIPR(AM) licensed site facility in a hurricane.¹ In support of the request, PRPBC states that it plans to file an FCC Form 301 application after all engineering studies and negotiations have been completed, after choosing one of three existing station sites.

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:

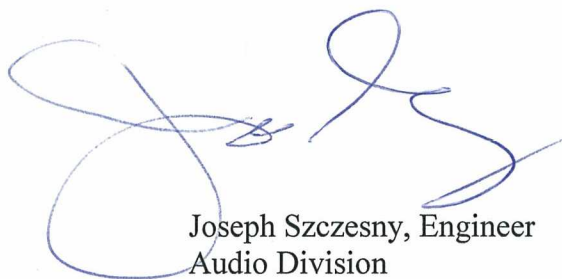
- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, 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 DA operation with 10 kW unlimited hours at different sites, located 0.5 miles apart.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIPR may continue to operate from the WKAQ site with a ND antenna (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. WLP must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored after FCC Form 301 and 302 applications have been filed and granted.² 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. We recommend that PRPBC file an acceptable FCC Form 301 application before the expiration date shown below in order to show that substantial progress has been made.

This authority expires on **January 17, 2016**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Szczesny', is written over a printed name and title.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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² See 47 CFR § 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).