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Cecille Blondet-Passalacqua, President
Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation
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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- 20160115ABU

Dear Cecille Blondet-Passalacqua:

This is in reference to the request filed on January 15, 2016. PRPBC requests a further extension of the STA originally granted on September 28, 1998, as modified on March 5, 1999, for ND operation using one of the existing WKAQ(AM) towers due to destruction of the WIPR(AM) licensed facility in a hurricane.¹ In support of the request, PRPBC states that it plans to file an FCC Form 301 application within the next 6 months to propose a new site facility in order to move forward toward resumption of licensed operations.

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, and station WIPR(AM) 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. 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. PRPBC must file an acceptable FCC Form 301 application in order to show that substantial progress has been made.

This authority expires on **August 9, 2016**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Szczesny', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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