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August 19, 2016

Cecille Blondet-Passalacqua, President
Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation
Post Office Box 190909
San Juan, PR 00919-0909

Re: Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation
(PRPBC)
WIPR(AM), San Juan, PR
Facility Identification Number: 53861
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA- 20160809ABA

Dear Cecille Blondet-Passalacqua:

This is in reference to the request filed on August 10, 2016. PRPBC requests a further extension of the STA granted on September 28, 1998, and last modified on March 5, 1999, to allow both AM stations WIPR and WKAQ to operate ND from the WKAQ transmitter site due to destruction of the WIPR(AM) licensed facility in 1998.¹ In support of the request, PRPBC stated that it now plans to file an FCC Form 301 application in the near future to permanently co-locate with station WKAQ (since resumption of licensed operations at the old licensed site is not possible).

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

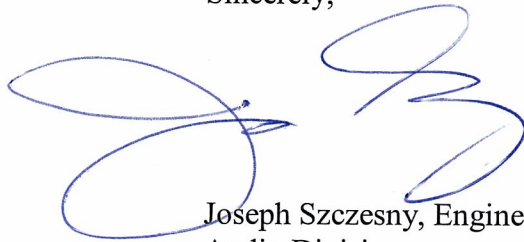
¹ Station WIPR (940 kHz) and station WKAQ (580 kHz) are both authorized for DA operation with 10 kW unlimited hours at different sites, located 0.5 miles apart.

the problem.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station WIPR(AM) may continue to operate using one of the WKAQ towers (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. We anticipate that PRPBC will file an FCC Form 301 application in the near future, and therefore may need to change STA parameters based upon that application, therefore a reduced amount of time has been authorized.

This authority expires on **January 19, 2017**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
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cc: Jorge Gonzalez (via e-mail only)