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January 25, 2017

Dr. Rafael B. Cruz, 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-20170112ABN

Dear Mr. Cruz:

This is in reference to the request filed on January 12, 2017. PRPBC requests a further extension of the STA granted on September 28, 1998, to continue to allow both stations (WIPR and WKAQ) to operate ND from the WKAQ transmitter site pending the filing of the required FCC Form 301 application to propose a new permanent WIPR facility.¹ In support of the request, PRPBC states that additional time is needed to file the application for a permanent facility at the WKAQ transmitter 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 DA operation with 10 kW unlimited hours at different sites, located 0.5 miles apart.

We noted that both stations were previously licensed to operate with directional 10 kW patterns, and therefore per Section 73.1680 are only allowed to operate ND with a maximum of 25% of the licensed directional power level, or 2.5 kW for both stations.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and PRPBC may continue to operate ND using one of the existing WKAQ towers with a reduced power of 2.5 kW day and night to allow time to file the required WIPR application. 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 **July 25, 2017**.

Sincerely,

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

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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