

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW

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In re: **WQBS(AM), San Juan, PR**
Facility ID No. 573
Silent since September 28, 2017

Request for Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Borsari:

This letter concerns the request you filed on March 29, 2018, on behalf of Aerco Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit AM Radio Station WQBS to remain silent.


ABC's request states that Station WQBS(AM) went silent on September 28, 2017, for technical reasons.¹ The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.²

ABC's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WQBS(AM) to remain silent until September 28, 2018. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WQBS(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., September 29, 2018.**³

ABC is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If ABC does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.⁴

Finally, the station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. It is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed.⁵

Sincerely,


Lisa Scanlan
Deputy Chief, Audio Division
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¹ ABC filed a technical STA on September 28, 2017, in which it stated that the Station went off the air on September 20, 2017, due to damage caused by Hurricane Maria and requesting permission to operate using an emergency antenna. See File No. BSTA-20170928ACZ. That request was granted on September 29, 2017, and expired on March 28, 2018.

² In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

³ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

⁴ *Id.* In addition to filing a notification of resumption of operations electronically on the date operations resume, notification of resumption must also be emailed to Denise.Williams@FCC.gov.

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).