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Wifredo G. Blanco-Pi Ext San Agustin 1210 3rd Street San Juan, PR 00926

Re: Wifredo G. Blanco-Pi (WGB)

WMIA(AM), Arecibo, PR

Facility Identification Number: 254 Special Temporary Authority (STA)

BESTA-20180612AAA

Dear Mr. Blanco:

This is in reference to the request filed on June 12, 2018. WGB requests an extension of the STA granted on December 20, 2017, to continue operating with parameters at variance pending further action on the license application (BL-20180619ABJ). In support of the request, we note that the license application remains under review by our staff at this time.

WGB states that a new tower has been installed and the ground system modified as proposed in the pending application BP-20170428AABfiled in April.

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 WMIA(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1070 kHz with 0.5 kW day and 2.5 kW night, and BP-20170428AAB authorized a new shorter tower and a slight daytime power increase to 0.51 kW using a new ground system.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA is GRANTED, and WGB may continue to operate with the facilities specified in BP-20170428AA pending further action on the license application. WGB 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 January 2, 2019.

Sincerely,

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer

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