

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In re: **WTPM-FM1, Ponce, PR**
Facility ID No. 13951
Silent since September 20, 2017

Request for Extension of Special Temporary
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Montero:

This letter concerns the request you filed on September 11, 2018, on behalf of Corporation of the Seventh Day Adventists of West PR (CSDA), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Booster Station WTPM-FM1 to remain silent.¹

Commission records reflect that CSDA stated that Station WTPM-FM1 went silent on September 20, 2017, for technical reasons. Commission records also reflect that CSDA requested an extension of STA on June 7, 2018. The previous STA was granted on June 22, 2018, and expired on September 21, 2018. CSDA requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

CSDA's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WTPM-FM1 to remain silent until March 6, 2019. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WTPM-FM1 will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., March 7, 2019.**²

CSDA is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If CSDA 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.³

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.⁴

Sincerely,



Lisa Scanlan
Deputy Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

¹ CSDA requests consideration of its request pursuant to the Media Bureau Public Notice DA-18-901 (August 30, 2018), because it is unable to resume operation due to damage from Hurricane Maria. This request is granted.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

³ *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.

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