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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-20190306AAB

Dear Mr. Lasanta:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 6, 2019. PRPBC requests a further extension of the STA granted on September 28, 1998, to continue operating ND using one of the WKAQ(AM) towers to allow time to file the required FCC Form 302 application to cover BP-20170419AIC.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, we noted that the application has not been filed.

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.

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 maximum of 2.5 kW

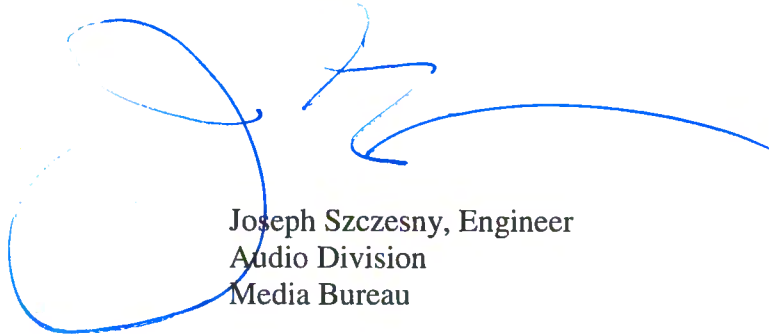
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<sup>1</sup> WIPR (940 kHz) and station WKAQ (580 kHz) are both authorized for DA operation using 10 kW (day and night) at different sites, and BP-20170419AIC authorizes new DA patterns using the existing WKAQ towers.

(day and night) to allow time to file the license application. 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 **October 1, 2019**.

Sincerely,



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