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Eric Delgado, 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-20200415AAA

Dear Mr. Delgado:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 15, 2020. PRPBC requests a further extension of the STA granted on September 28, 1998, to continue ND operations using one of the WKAQ(AM) towers to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 application to permanently relocate to the WSKN transmitter site.¹ In support of the request, we noted that PRPBC plans to remove this STA facility from the WKAQ transmitter site in the upcoming months since no longer pursuing BP-20170419AIC.

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 WIPR (940 kHz) and WKAQ (580 kHz) are both licensed for DA operation with 10 kW (unlimited hours) at different sites, and BP-20170419AIC authorized WIPR to co-locate using the existing WKAQ towers.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the 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 (day and night). 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.* PRPBC must submit an e-mail to my attention to note the date this STA facility ceased operation from the WKAQ transmitter site.

This authority expires on **November 3, 2020.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and last name "Szczesny" clearly legible.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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