

REQUEST FOR WAIVER AND EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation, (“PRPBC”) the licensee of Stations WIPR-DT, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and WIPM-DT, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico (the “Stations”), respectfully request an extension of time for PRPBC to complete the construction of the post-Incentive Auction construction permit for the Stations. PRPBC received permission to transition the Stations to their respective post-Incentive Auction channels by August 1, 2018.¹ Pursuant to the *Repack PN*, all stations in Puerto Rico may commence testing on their post-Incentive Auction channel starting on July 1, 2018, and must cease operation on their pre-Incentive Auction channel no later than August 1, 2018.

As the Commission is aware, the Stations experienced substantial damage as the result of Hurricane Maria. PRPBC has been coordinating with its fellow Puerto Rico television stations, and has determined that it is not possible for it to complete construction of the Stations’ authorized post-Incentive Auction facilities prior to August 1, 2018. However, PRPBC will be able to commence operation on the Stations’ post-Incentive Auction channel with temporary facilities prior to August 1, 2018.

To that end, PRPBC has submitted requests for Special Temporary Authority (LMS ## 0000055289, 0000055290) so that the Stations may commence operation on their post-Incentive Auction channels, while PRPBC completes construction of the facilities authorized in the Stations’ construction permits.

The grant of the instant request for waiver to submit this extension request, along with the grant of the underlying request for extension of the construction permit, is in the public interest as it will permit the Stations to commence operation on their post-Incentive Auction channels while PRPBC completes the construction of the Stations’ authorized facilities.

¹ See *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Grant Waiver of the Post-Auction Transition Schedule and Modify the Transition Phase Assignments of Repacked Stations In Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands*, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 138 (2018) (“Repack PN”).