

WZVI TRANSITION PLAN

On July 11, 2018, WZVI commenced ongoing operations on its post-auction repack Channel 21 with the interim facilities authorized in its grant of Special Temporary Authority in FCC File No. 0000055272. In so doing, WZVI has officially ceased operations on its pre-auction Channel 43. Station WZVI will operate on Channel 21 with its authorized interim STA facilities while it continues to diligently pursue completion of its full authorized Channel 21 facilities specified in Construction Permit File No. 0000034434.

Since being forced off the air on its pre-auction Channel 43 by Hurricane Irma in September 2017, WZVI has been working diligently to complete construction of its authorized post-auction Channel 21 facilities specified in Construction Permit File No. 0000034434, but unexpected tower issues, along with equipment delivery delays, have hindered WZVI's ability to construct its full permitted Channel 21 facilities by its August 1, 2018 deadline.¹ Accordingly, in order to meet the August 1 deadline and restore television service to the public expeditiously, WZVI purchased and installed an interim low power transmitter and an interim antenna at a lower height on the station's tower, and obtained Special Temporary Authority to commence operations with these interim facilities.

The station has sought an extension of its Construction Permit (see FCC File No. 0000055273) and intends to complete the full build-out of its Channel 21 facilities as quickly as possible.

¹ Like many other stations in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, WZVI suffered major damage to its transmission facilities in September 2017 as a result of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, forcing the station off the air. In January 2018, the FCC recognized the widespread damage to the islands' infrastructure and reassigned WZVI from transition phase 3 to an early transition period beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending on August 1, 2018. By doing so, the FCC allowed WZVI to focus on constructing its post-auction Channel 21 facilities rather than rebuilding its pre-auction Channel 43 facilities and wasting resources on building duplicate broadcast facilities within a short time period. *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, MB Docket No. 16-306 (rel. January 11, 2018).