

**Notice of Temporary Suspension of Operations and
Request for Silent Special Temporary Authorization**
NCE TV Station WMTJ, Fajardo, PR (Facility ID 2174)

Pursuant to Sections 73.561(d) and 73.1635 of the FCC's Rules, Sistema Universitario Ana G. Mendez, Inc. ("SUAGM"), licensee of noncommercial educational television Station WMTJ, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, hereby notifies the Commission of the station's temporary suspension of operation and respectfully requests Silent Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") for a period of six (6) months to maintain WMTJ's current off-air status for more than thirty (30) days.

In connection with the post-incentive auction spectrum repack process, WMTJ is moving from Channel 16 to Channel 15. Pursuant to the Commission-approved Island-wide schedule for repacking Puerto Rico TV stations, the deadline for completion of construction of the repacked facilities was moved to August 1, 2018. However, due to matters beyond SUAGM's control, it was unable to complete construction by that date. While SUAGM worked diligently and successfully to return the station to the air in 2018 using temporary facilities following the hurricane destruction on the island in the Fall of 2017, and it ordered necessary equipment and has engaged in extensive planning for the repack process, the August 1 deadline could not be met, due to matters beyond SUAGM's control, such as the timing involved with the delivery of new antennas. In addition, there are continuing unresolved issues relating to the status of the tower used by the station, as well as very difficult challenges relating to transporting equipment to the WMTJ transmitter site at El Yunque.

Accordingly, SUAGM took WMTJ off the air on August 1, 2018 in order to facilitate the transition of other Puerto Rico stations and comply with FCC requirements that it cease broadcasting on Channel 16 by that date. SUAGM will continue to work diligently to return the station to the air on its new channel (although it may need to request STA for temporary facilities or changes in the construction permit, as necessary). SUAGM expects that it will be able to have the station operating on its new channel by February 1, 2019 (and previously filed for a corresponding extension of the construction permit).

A grant of STA will serve the public interest by authorizing WMTJ's temporary off-air status while SUAGM takes the necessary steps to complete the station's post-auction repack process and return the station to service on its new post-auction channel.

SUAGM is a noncommercial educational licensee and it operates WMTJ on a noncommercial educational basis. The licensee is therefore exempt from FCC filing fee requirements, pursuant to Section 1.1116 of the Commission's Rules, and the facility is exempt from FCC regulatory fees, pursuant to Section 1.1162 of the Rules.