

Reasons for Silent STA Renewal Request

RAMON A. HERNANDEZ, licensee of station W02CU-D, Facility ID 183173 in Mayaguez, PR, requests renewal of its current Silent Temporary Authority (STA) for a period of six month beyond the one-year off air period, as per the special provisions made by the FCC for broadcasting stations in PR and the USVI that were affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria (FCC Public Notice DA 18-901). W02CU-D was forced to shut off its operations as a consequence of the destruction of communications facilities in Puerto Rico and the USVI caused by these hurricanes. RAMON A. HERNANDEZ had to shut down 9 LPTV stations for a prolonged time due to the great financial burden imposed by the hurricanes losses as well as the FCC TV Repacking. RAMON A. HERNANDEZ is in the process of rebuilding the facilities of these stations at a significant financial cost, including that of W02CU-D; it is anticipated that the new facilities will be built and notified as back on the air before March 6, 2019.