

**Engineering STA Extension Request
WTIN-TV (Fac. ID No. 26681)
Ponce, Puerto Rico**

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Televiscentro of Puerto Rico, LLC, licensee of station WTIN-TV, Ponce, Puerto Rico (Facility ID No. 26681) (the “Station”), hereby requests an Extension of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) (File No. 0000055319) from the Commission so that WTIN-TV may continue operations on its post-auction channel at 200 kW via an interim antenna from its auxiliary antenna site.

Because of the extensive damage from Hurricane Maria and the high demand for certified tower crews locally and in the states, the Station has been unable to complete the extensive modifications to the WTIN-TV tower that are necessary for WTIN-TV to operate from its permanent facility. In addition, the Station is still waiting for delivery of antenna moorings and materials needed for tower reinforcement. The Station is still working to secure a certified tower crew to install the primary antenna and transmitter. The Station is hopeful that it will be able to secure a tower crew that will begin work in February or March. Continued operation via an interim antenna is therefore necessary for the Station to remain on the air while the necessary modifications are completed at WTIN-TV’s permanent post-auction site. An extension of the existing STA is in the public interest because it will allow WTIN-TV to remain on the air to broadcast its programming to the public while construction of its permanent facilities is completed.