Engineering STA Extension Request Explanation

Televicentro of Puerto Rico, LLC, licensee of station WNJX-TV, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico (Facility ID No. 73336) (the "Station"), hereby requests an Extension of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") (File No. 0000055321) from the Commission so that WNJX-TV may continue operations on its post-auction channel at 116 kW via an interim antenna from its auxiliary antenna site.

Because of the damage from Hurricane Maria, extensive modifications to the WNJX-TV tower are needed. The Station is working with a structural consultant with respect to the necessary tower reinforcement work and is attempting to schedule a tower crew. The Station is also still waiting for the installation of the transmitter to be completed. Additionally, construction at the Station site is complex. Specifically, the Station needs to remove an existing antenna stack before the tower can be reinforced; needs to coordinate with two other stations on the same tower; and the limited space at the construction site requires careful coordination of cranes and other equipment. Although the Station has been working with a tower crew consultant to secure a certified tower crew, because of the scarcity of qualified tower crews it does not expect to have a crew available until February at the earliest. Operation via interim antenna is therefore necessary for the Station to remain on the air while the necessary modifications are completed at WNJX-TV's permanent post-auction site. An extension of the existing STA is in the public interest because it will allow WNJX-TV to remain on the air to broadcast its programming to the public while construction of its permanent facilities is completed.