

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Telecinco, Inc., licensee of Station WRFB(TV), Carolina, Puerto Rico (“Station”), hereby requests an extension of the Special Temporary Authority to operate at reduced facilities (0000055269) (the “STA”). Telecinco received the STA pursuant to the Public Notice, DA 18-901, dated August 30, 2018 (“Public Notice”), providing additional time for television stations that have been silent since Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico in September 2017.

As the FCC is aware, Hurricane Maria destroyed the tower site specified in the Station’s post-Incentive Auction construction permit authorization. Pursuant to the direction of FCC staff, Telecinco sought the STA so that the Station could commence operation on its post-Incentive Auction channel with reduced facilities.¹

However, Telecinco has been unable to commence operation with reduced facilities due to delays associated with the delivery and installation of Station’s transmitter. Previously, Telecinco had been advised by the manufacturer that the equipment would be delivered by December 1, 2018, but it was delayed. In addition, Telecinco is waiting for the power lines to the interim tower to be upgraded. Telecinco believes that the power lines will be upgraded, and the equipment operational, by January 28, 2019. Telecinco is submitting this request to extend the STA so that it has authority to commence operation with the reduced facilities as soon as the necessary equipment is installed and operational.

Therefore, pursuant to the flexibility afforded by the FCC to Puerto Rico licensees, Telecinco requests an extension of the STA to operate with reduced facilities. Telecinco is working as diligently as possible to complete construction, but has faced insurmountable obstacles, including the delayed delivery of construction resources and transmission equipment, which will require Telecinco to commence operation with reduced facilities as soon as it can install and commence operation with the necessary equipment.

¹ In addition, Telecinco has received special temporary authority to remain silent until January 28, 2019 (0000063648), and an extension of time to construct the facilities specified in the Station’s post-Incentive Auction construction permit authorization (0000055271), which also expires on January 28, 2019.