

**W23EM-D [W32FB-D] - REASONS FOR REQUESTING ENGINEERING STA
AND NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL STATUS**

W23EM-D [CP W32FB-D] HAD BEEN OPERATING UNDER SILENT STA, FILE # 0000068307, DUE TO EXTENSIVE DAMAGES SUFFERED DURING HURRICANE MARIA. THE STATION RESUMED OPERATIONS ON MARCH 4, 2019 UNDER THE PARAMETERS OF ENG. STA, FILE # 0000068167, AN CSA WITH THE ENG. STA OF W17DL-D, FILE # 0000068044. THE STATION WENT SILENT AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 23, 2019 UNTIL JANUARY 21, 2020, AND RESUMED OPERATIONS AGAIN ON JANUARY 22, 2020.

THE STATION IS WORKING TO CONSTRUCT ITS CP FACILITIES, WHICH WILL TAKE ADDITIONAL TIME DUE TO THE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT SITUATION PUERTO RICO IS EXPERIENCING, INCLUDING AN UNPRECEDENTED SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES (MORE THAN 500 SEISMIC EVENTS SO FAR) THAT STARTED ON DECEMBER 28, 2019 AND HAVE NOT STOPPED, THE LAST ONE OCCURRING ON MAY 2, 2020, A MAGNITUDE 5.5 EARTHQUAKE. THESE EARTHQUAKES HAVE FURTHER DAMAGED THE ALREADY WEAKENED (BY HURRICANE MARIA) ELECTRICAL GRID AND LESSENE FURTHER ITS RELIABILITY (**SEE FCC PUBLIC NOTICE DA 20-28 “PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY PUERTO RICO EARTHQUAKES”**). IN ADDITION TO THE DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION OF ISLAND, WHICH ENTERED INTO BANKRUPTCY ON MAY 2017, PUERTO RICO HAS NOW BEEN HIT, LIKE EVERY OTHER US TERRITORY AND STATE, BY THE UNPRECEDENTED CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. THESE CONSECUTIVE NATURAL DISASTERS HAVE DISRUPTED THE ECONOMY AND LIFE IN GENERAL IN PUERTO RICO AND ALSO SEVERELY DISRUPTED THE OPERATION OF THE LPTV STATIONS OF TV RED DE PUERTO RICO, INCLUDING STATION W23EM-D.

IN THE INTERIM, THE STATION IS REQUESTING AN ENGINEERING STA, SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUSLY ONE GRANTED, BUT THIS TIME ON A CHANNEL SHARING AGREEMENT BASIS (CSA) WITH STATION W17DL-D OF TV RED DE P.R. WHICH IS SIMULTANEOUSLY REQUESTING AN ENG. STA’S (App File # 0000113733) TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICE AT REDUCED POWER, AS SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED FIGURE 1. THIS ENG. STA FOR W23EM-D IS REQUESTED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.