

## **Request for Extension**

America-CV Station Group, Inc. (“ACV”), licensee of WJWN-TV, San Sebastian, Puerto Rico (Facility ID No. 58342) (“WJWN-TV”), pursuant to FCC staff request, hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for reinstatement and extension of WJWN-TV’s license through September 28, 2020. Grant of STA would be in accord with the proviso set forth in Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended (the “Act”), which permits the Commission to allow a station to be silent for more than 12 months if doing so would “promote equity and fairness.”<sup>1</sup>

On September 18, 2018, pursuant to the Media Bureau’s August 30, 2018 Public Notice,<sup>2</sup> ACV requested an extension of its for WJWN-TV to remain silent beyond the first anniversary of it going off the air due to destruction caused by Hurricane Maria.<sup>3</sup> The Commission granted the extension request on September 26, 2018.

On March 5, 2019, ACV requested a further extension of its Silent STA to install and test WJWN-TV’s new antenna and transmitter, as well as to complete the electrical wiring at the site.<sup>4</sup> The Commission granted the extension request on March 7, 2019.

On September 20, 2019, ACV requested a second further extension of its Silent STA to complete installation and testing of WJWN-TV’s new antenna and transmitter, as well as completion of electrical and wiring at the site.<sup>5</sup> The Commission granted the extension request on October 16, 2019.

On March 16, 2020, ACV requested a third further extension of its Silent STA to complete installation and testing of WJWN-TV’s new antenna and transmitter, as well as completion of electrical and wiring at the site.<sup>6</sup> ACV also simultaneously requested that tolling on WJWN-TV’s construction permit for post-auction facilities (LMS File No. 0000027870) be extended a further 180 days.<sup>7</sup> The Commission granted the tolling extension request on March

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>2</sup> *Media Bureau Provides Guidance for Broadcast Licensees Still Rebuilding in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria*, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd. 8368 (2018).

<sup>3</sup> LMS File No. 0000059651.

<sup>4</sup> LMS File No. 0000068289.

<sup>5</sup> LMS File No. 0000081786.

<sup>6</sup> LMS File No. 0000108042.

<sup>7</sup> LMS File No. 0000108043. *See also* LMS File Nos. 0000066078 (Construction Permit extension), 0000067189 (tolling request) & 0000082011 (tolling extension request), *as amended* 0000108043.

30, 2020, and the Silent STA extension request on March 31, 2020 – both for periods expiring September 28, 2020.<sup>8</sup>

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, however, continues to hamper ACV's efforts in scheduling the engineers and construction crews necessary to either complete construction of WJWN-TV's post-auction facilities, or to commence operations of WJWN-TV at reduced power. In the interest of the health and safety of its engineers and construction workers, ACV suspended all work on WJWN-TV's facilities indefinitely.

Grant of this STA request is clearly in the public interest as it will allow WJWN-TV to resume its service to the residents of Puerto Rico when ACV recovers from the difficulties originally resulting from Hurricane Maria – which have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Act, ACV respectfully requests reinstatement and extension of WJWN-TV's license through September 28, 2020 to conform with the tolling expiration date for WJWN-TV's construction permit for post-auction facilities.

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<sup>8</sup> See Letter from Barbara A. Kreisman, Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau, FCC, to ACV at 1 (Mar. 30, 2020).