

**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. The Station previously filed and was granted STAs and extensions on December 9, 2019 (File No. 0004343323), June 12, 2019 (File No. 0000074536), December 18, 2018 (File No. 0000064216) and August 3, 2020 (File No. 0000118189).

Because of the high demand for certified tower crews in Puerto Rico due to the extensive damage many stations suffered from Hurricane Maria and in the states because of the repacking process, 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. WTIN-TV has completed installation of its new transmitter and antenna. However, for the permanent facilities to be fully operational final modifications to the tower need to be completed. The Station is pleased to report that it has accepted a proposal from a tower crew for the work needed for WTIN-TV as well as commonly-owned Station WNJX-TV and the tower company has provided a tentative schedule for the necessary work. The tower company has obtained on-site data and is preparing drawings. As soon as the drawings are complete and approved, materials will be ordered. Shipping materials to Puerto Rico will require additional time, but at this time, the company is projecting that the materials will arrive in January 2021, and that the necessary work will be started then. Furthermore, because of an installation error, the brackets WTIN-TV received from its vendor to mount the antenna were upside down and needed to be modified which resulted in the need to verify that the radiation center of the WTIN antenna is within the permitted specifications. Continued operation via an interim antenna is therefore necessary for the Station to remain on the air while these final steps are completed. An 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.