

**Request for Continued Tolling of Construction Permit  
WTIN-TV (Fac. ID No. 26681), Ponce, Puerto Rico**

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Televiscentro of Puerto Rico, LLC (“Televiscentro”), licensee of station WTIN-TV, Ponce, PR (Facility ID No. 26681), respectfully requests that construction permit 0000034579 authorizing the station to modify its facilities to operate on its post-auction channel continue to be tolled in accordance with Section 73.3598(d) of the Commission’s rules. For the reasons described below, continued tolling of the construction permit is consistent with Commission rules and will further the public interest.

By letter dated April 5, 2019, the Media Bureau granted Televiscentro’s request that construction permit 0000034579 be tolled because an Act of God – Hurricane Maria-- justified tolling of the WTIN construction permit. By letters dated November 13, 2019 and March 30, 2020, the Media Bureau granted Televiscentro’s request for continued tolling of the construction permit. As Televiscentro explained in its requests for tolling, to operate from its permanent repacked facilities with full power, extensive modifications to the WTIN-TV tower, including substantial tower reinforcement work, were needed before WTIN-TV’s permanent antenna could be installed. During the period since the initial tolling request was granted, Televiscentro completed the installation of the permanent antenna and transmitter. However, before a license to cover can be filed, Televiscentro needs a certified tower crew to make final modifications to the tower to comply with FCC repack specifications. Because of the increasing number of stations going through the repack process, it was difficult for Televiscentro to schedule a crew. This situation was exacerbated because of the travel restrictions and quarantines resulting from the COVID-19 global pandemic. Crews that would need to travel to Puerto Rico from the mainland are unable to do so. In addition, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of Puerto Rico issued an executive order locking down most businesses and imposing mandatory around-the clock curfews on most residents.

Recently, however, Televiscentro has entered into an agreement with a tower company that will complete the necessary work for the WTIN tower as well as the tower work needed for commonly-owned Station WNJX-TV. The tower company has provided a tentative schedule for the work. The tower company has obtained on-site field data and is now 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 of this time, the tower company has proposed to begin the necessary structural reinforcement in January 2021.

This information is submitted in accordance with Section 73.3598(d) of the Commission’s rules which requires permittees to file updates in six-month intervals, detailing how an Act of God continues to cause delays in construction and the steps being taken to resolve remaining impediments. Televiscentro respectfully submits that both the extensive damage sustained in Hurricane Maria which has resulted in extreme delays in scheduling certified tower crews as well as the travel restrictions and quarantines resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic continue to delay Televiscentro’s ability to complete construction of its permanent repacked facilities. Further, because WTIN-TV has been operating on its post-auction channel since August 1, 2018, continued

tolling of the construction permit will not impact the overall transition schedule or cause interference to other stations. Continued Tolling of the construction permit will also enable Televiscentro to continue providing service to the public while it completes the final tower modification work at the Station's permanent tower site, which is especially important during the current national emergency due to COVID-19.

For the reasons set forth above, Televiscentro respectfully requests that construction permit 0000034579 continue to be tolled.