

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SILENT AND STA AUTHORITY PERIODS OF OPERATION BY WSVI-TV, WZVI-TV, AND WFIG-LD in 2017 THROUGH 2019.**

Two major Hurricanes struck the WSVI community during September 2017. The first was named Hurricane Irma. Hurricane Irma, an extremely powerful and catastrophic Cape Verde-type hurricane was the strongest observed in the Atlantic since 2005. Hurricane Maria followed this.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration designates hurricanes on a scale of 1 to 5 known as the Saffir-Simpson scale with category 5 being the strongest most severe hurricane measured on the Saffir-Simpson scale. The NHC designated both windstorms as having the characteristics at landfall as storms in which "Catastrophic damage will occur: A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months". Irma was the first Category 5 hurricane to strike the Leeward Islands on record. Another Category 5 Hurricane Maria followed Irma only two weeks later.

Hurricane Irma caused a major humanitarian crisis. Hurricane Maria caused catastrophic damage across the Northeastern Caribbean, compounding recovery efforts in the already struck areas of the Leeward Islands, including the Virgin Islands which were still recovering from hurricanes Irma and Jose just two weeks prior.

WSVI-TV, WFIG-LD and WZVI-TV licensed to Alpha Broadcasting Corporation were impacted by these hurricanes in the third quarter of 2017. As a result of Hurricane Irma, WZVI-TV and WFIG-LD in St. Thomas were forced to cease operations as of September 8, 2017 when most of its equipment and facilities were destroyed. Although suffering windstorm damage from Irma's winds, WSVI-TV in St. Croix was able to remain operational from its transmitter on St. Croix but it was knocked off the air with major flooding and damage after the second hurricane on September 20, 2017 struck St. Croix directly. WSVI, WZVI, WFIG-LD, both sought Special Temporary Authority to remain silent while the television stations were being rebuilt along with the necessary infrastructure to resume operations. Therefore for varying periods as described in this exhibit and filings with the FCC Task Force set up to assist stations with regulatory issues, Alpha Broadcasting Corporations stations remained off the air. All broadcast stations across the Virgin Islands and neighboring Puerto Rico were similarly impacted.

WSVI TV returned to the air on September 20, 2019. On September 21, 2018 WZVI returned to the air on its new repacked channel initially at low power and then full power. On March 5, 2019 WFIG-LD resumed operations. To serve the public during

this time Alpha Broadcasting maintained a 24/7 live stream of its programming including news and public affairs programming incorporating many of its program elements. Displaced Virgin Islanders in the territory and around the world viewed this feed. This 24/7 stream was fed to and carried by the MPDV operator on cable channel 8 in the Virgin Islands, which resumed limited operations in October 2017.