

**Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation
Application for License Renewal
WIPM-TV, Mayaguez, PR (Facility No. 53863)**

**EXPLANATION REGARDING DISCREPANCIES
IN PUBLIC INSPECTION FILE**

During the most recent license renewal term, the above-referenced station (“Station”) has served the public interest, including by broadcasting a wide range of non-commercial, educational programming aimed at a diverse audience, including news, weather, sports, emergency information and other current events, as set forth on the station’s issues/programs lists.

As the Commission is aware, Puerto Rico has been facing – and continues to face – challenging times. It is in the midst of a prolonged fiscal crisis that led to the enactment in 2016 of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA), a federal law that created the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, established a debt restructuring process for the island’s government, and opened the door to the filing of various bankruptcy cases under PROMESA. On the heels of the fiscal crisis and the enactment of PROMESA, Puerto Rico was hit by two devastating storms in September 2017: Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria. The latter was a powerful Category 5 hurricane that made landfall on Puerto Rico and caused widespread destruction on the island. In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, and with the crippling effects of the fiscal crisis and the economic downturn that has continued to plague the island, the Station has struggled to retain listeners and staff (in fact, even before Hurricane Maria, staff turnover at the Station was a significant problem), and the funding it receives from the Government of Puerto Rico has been slashed significantly.

In spite of the constant staff turnover over the past eight years and its own fiscal challenges the Station has consistently served the public with strong public affairs programming. But these challenges at times have affected the Station’s ability to keep up with the regulatory burden of uploading its issues/programs lists to the Station’s public inspection file at the appropriate times. Recently, however, Station personnel have become particularly attentive to ensuring that the Station’s public inspection file is being maintained regularly and new processes have been implemented to make certain that all documents that are required to be uploaded are indeed uploaded on time. Indeed, the Station has identified particular personnel that have been charged with the responsibility associated with maintaining the Station’s public inspection file, and such personnel have been directed to regularly report on their compliance with the President of the licensee.

Below is a listing of the Station’s quarterly issues/programs lists over the most recent license term, the title of the document, and the time-stamp automatically issued by the Commission’s online public file system. In some cases, the Station believes that the uploads occurred by the deadlines imposed by the Commission’s rules. Those files that were filed on time have subsequently been moved internally within the Commission’s public file site to their present locations, which, pursuant to the manner in which the Commission manages that site, makes it appear as if the files were uploaded late, even though some of them may have been filed on time.

In addition, with respect to the quarterly issues/programs lists covering 2013 and 2014, such lists have been available in the Station's "paper" version of its public inspection file.

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Document Title</u>	<u>Date-Stamp</u>
Q1 2013	Informe de Programación WIPR y WIPM TV FCC ENERO A MARZO 2013	9-15-20
Q2 2013	Informe de Programación WIPR y WIPM TV FCC ABRIL A JUNIO 2013	9-15-20
Q3 2013	Informe de Programación WIPR y WIPM TV FCC JULIO A SEPTIEMBRE 2013	9-15-20
Q4 2013	Informe de Programación WIPR y WIPM TV FCC OCTUBRE A DICIEMBRE 2013	9-15-20
Q1 2014	Informe de Programación WIPR y WIPM TV FCC ENERO A MARZO 2014	9-18-20
Q2 2014	Informe de Programación WIPR y WIPM TV FCC ABRIL A JUNIO 2014	9-18-20
Q3 2014	Informe de Programación WIPR y WIPM TV FCC JULIO A SEPTIEMBRE 2014	9-21-20
Q4 2014	Informe de Programación WIPR y WIPM TV FCC OCTUBRE A DICIEMBRE 2014	9-21-20
Q1 2015	Q1 2015 (News Topics report)	1-2-17 (on time)
Q2 2015	Q2 2015 (News Topics report)	1-2-17 (on time)
Q3 2015	Q3 2015 (News Topics report)	1-2-17 (on time)
Q4 2015	Q4 2015 (News Topics report)	1-2-17 (on time)
Q1 2016	Q1 2016 (News Topics report)	1-2-17 (on time)
Q2 2016	Q2 2016 (News Topics report)	1-2-17 (on time)
Q3 2016	Q3 2016 (News Topics report)	1-2-17 (on time)
Q4 2016	Q4 2016 (News Topics report)	1-2-17 (on time)
Q1 2017	PL Enero a Marzo 2017	10-10-19
Q2 2017	PL Abril a Junio 2017	10-10-19
Q3 2017	Informe de Programacion Trimestral julio-a- septiembre-2017	8-7-20
Q4 2017	Informe de Programacion Trimestral octubre-a- diciembre-2017	8-7-20
Q1 2018	Informe de Programacion Trimestral enero-a-marzo- 2018	8-7-20

Q2 2018	Informe de Programacion Trimestral abril-a-junio-2018-20180829	8-7-20
Q3 2018	Informe de Programacion Trimestral julio-a-septiembre-2018-20181011-143300340	8-7-20
Q4 2018	Informe de Programacion Trimestral octubre-a-diciembre-2018-1-20191001-154023758	8-7-20
Q1 2019	FCC Enero a Marzo 2019	10-10-19
Q2 2019	FCC Abril a Junio 2019	10-10-19
Q3 2019	Informe de Programacion Trimestral WIPR TV Julio, Agosto, Septiembre 2019	10-10-19 (on time)
Q4 2019	Informe de Programación trimestral WIPR WIPM TV octubre-noviembre-y-diciembre-2019	8-10-20
Q1 2020	Informe de Programacion FCC Enero a Marzo 2020 TV	7-10-20 (on time)
Q2 2020	Informe de programacion FCC Abril a Junio 2020 TV	7-10-20 (on time)

As indicated above, the Station is committed to providing the listening public in San Juan, PR and the surrounding areas with valuable noncommercial, educational programming. Due in part to matters beyond its control, including Hurricane Maria, in some instances, the paperwork burdens may have lagged behind the Station's strong programming. Regardless, the Station has taken steps to ensure that, going forward, all issues/programs lists are uploaded to the Station's public file at the prescribed dates/times.