

W18DZ-D - REASONS FOR REQUESTING EXTENSION OF ENGINEERING STA

W18DZ-D COMMENCED OPERATIONS ON MAY 16, 2020 UNDER THE PARAMETERS OF ENG. STA FILE # 0000113823, SET TO EXPIRE ON 12/09/2021. THE STATION IS WORKING HARD TO CONSTRUCT ITS CP FACILITIES, WHICH HAS TAKEN TIME DUE TO THE DIFFICULT SITUATION PUERTO RICO HAS EXPERIENCED, INCLUDING AN UNPRECEDENTED SERIES OF NATURAL DISASTERS. IN ADDITION TO THE DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION OF ISLAND, IN BANKRUPTCY SINCE MAY 2017, PUERTO RICO HAS NOW BEEN HIT, LIKE EVERY OTHER US TERRITORY AND STATE, BY THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. THESE EVENTS HAVE DISRUPTED THE ECONOMY AND LIFE IN GENERAL IN PUERTO RICO AND THE OPERATION OF THE LPTV STATIONS OF TV RED DE PUERTO RICO, INCLUDING STATION W18DZ-D.

TV RED HAS ORDERED NEW TRANSMITTER EQUIPMENT AND ANTENNA GEAR FROM BROADCAST DEPOT, IN MIAMI, FL, THAT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED IN OCTOBER, BUT HAS NOW BEEN DELAYED MOSTLY DUE TO PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY THE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER IN ITALY, SEE ATTACHED EQUIPMENT VENDOR LETTER. W18DZ-D IS THUS REQUESTING A 90 DAY EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING ENG. STA, FILE # 0000113823, TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICE AT REDUCED POWER AND ENABLE W18DZ-D TO FINISH CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT FACILITIES.