

**Request for Continued Tolling of Construction Permit  
WNJX-TV (Fac. ID No. 73336), Mayaguez, Puerto Rico**

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Televiscentro of Puerto Rico, LLC (“Televiscentro”), licensee of station WNJX-TV, Mayaguez, PR (Facility ID No. 73336), respectfully requests that construction permit 0000029719 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.

As part of the incentive auction repacking process, WNJX-TV was reassigned to Channel 31. Televiscentro filed a modification application for the repacked facilities assigned by the Commission on July 12, 2017. The WNJX-TV tower and transmission facilities sustained substantial damage during Hurricane Maria in September 2017. Because of the damage sustained by Puerto Rican television stations, including WNJX-TV, the Media Bureau modified the Post-Auction transition schedule applicable to Puerto Rican television stations and established August 1, 2018 as the transition deadline. Televiscentro was unable to complete construction of its permanent repacked facilities by the August 1 deadline because of the damage to its tower and transmission facilities caused by the Hurricane. Therefore, it requested and received an STA to operate on its repacked channel from an interim facility at its auxiliary site, and successfully transitioned to its new channel by the August 1 deadline. See FCC File No. 0000055321. The STA currently expires on March 29, 2021, and the licensee is concurrently filing a request for an extension of the STA.

By letter dated April 5, 2019, the Media Bureau granted Televiscentro’s request that construction permit 0000029719 be tolled because an Act of God — Hurricane Maria-- justified tolling of the WNJX permit. By letters dated November 13, 2019, March 30, 2020, and October 1, 2020 the Media Bureau granted Televiscentro’s requests for continued tolling of the construction permit. As Televiscentro explained in its tolling requests, extensive modifications to the WNJX-TV tower, including substantial tower reinforcement work, were needed before WNJX-TV’s permanent antenna could be installed. To perform this work, the tower crew will need to dismantle the existing antenna stack on the tower. The necessary tower reinforcement is complex and needs to be coordinated with two other stations that operate from the same tower—WIPM-TV and WJWN-TV.

The station’s ability to find a certified tower crew was further delayed because of the travel and other restrictions imposed as a result of COVID-19. Since the last tolling extension request was granted, Televiscentro has made substantial progress with respect to the tower work. The equipment and vehicles needed for the tower reinforcement were received in January and the tower company Televiscentro contracted with began the structural reinforcement work in March as anticipated. Because of precautions that were necessary to comply with COVID-19 protocols, the work has taken somewhat longer than originally anticipated. In addition, as the licensee has explained in its prior requests, the tower work will need to be performed in several steps in coordination with the

other stations operating on the tower. Currently, the tower crew is in the process of installing a new stacked antenna for WNJX as well as Station WIPM-TV which also uses the tower. When the antenna installation is complete, the crew will need to complete sweep tests and adjustments. At this time, Televiscentro anticipates that the work will be completed by the end of April. Therefore, Televiscentro respectfully requests that the construction permit continue to be tolled.

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. Televiscentro respectfully submits that the extensive damage sustained in Hurricane Maria and the resulting delays and difficulties in scheduling certified tower crews as well as the 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 WNJX-TV has been operating on its post-auction channel using interim facilities since August 1, 2018, tolling of the construction permit will not impact the overall transition schedule or cause interference to other stations. Tolling of the construction permit will also enable Televiscentro to continue providing service to the public from WNJX-TV interim facilities while it completes construction of the Station's permanent facilities, 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 0000029719 continue to be tolled.