

Reason for Extension

Wanda Rolon, licensee of WSJN-CD, San Juan, Puerto Rico (Facility ID No. 48239) (“WSJN-CD”), was previously granted Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for WSJN-CD to commence operations on its post-auction Channel 22 with interim facilities because the station’s tower was completely destroyed by Hurricane Maria. *See* LMS File No. 0000058620. Ms. Rolon previously requested extensions of WSJN-CD’s STA while the station worked diligently to construct a new tower, and buildout its repack construction permit. *See* LMS File Nos. 0000067224, 0000079890, 0000103855, 0000107621, and 0000121818.

The efforts to construct WSJN-CD’s new tower and buildout its repack construction permit remain diligently underway, but significant work remains outstanding due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. The most recent extension was granted February 2, 2021, and while progress has been made, it has been slow and arduous due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, since Hurricane Maria, the numerous earthquakes and aftershocks, and now the pandemic in Puerto Rico, Licensee has experienced a severe downturn in financial income. WSJN-CD is a religious programming station that depends upon the offerings of viewers to continue operation, and understandably donations have been down, especially in 2020 and 2021.

Despite these natural disasters and financial setbacks, Licensee has worked diligently to construct WSJN-CD’s new tower, but significant work remains outstanding. The following tasks have been completed with respect to construction of WSJN-CD’s new tower: (1) the Geotechnical Exploration study for WSJN-CD was completed on February 25, 2020; (2) the WSJN-CD Land Survey was completed on February 20, 2020; and (3) the tower structure analysis quote was requested on March 3, 2020. WSJN-CD has been working on local permits for the new antenna structure facilities, but the closure of the Puerto Rico government agencies until September 14, 2020 due to the pandemic has further delayed completion of construction of WSJN-CD’s new tower. With the reopening of the government agencies in Puerto Rico on September 14, 2020, WSJN-CD is currently diligently working to secure the necessary permits for construction of WSJN-CD’s new tower and hopes to secure these permits in the next few weeks. Licensee already has all the transmission equipment on site, including transmission line, connectors and antenna, and they are ready to be installed. Licensee is just waiting on delivery of the tower to be able to complete the project.

In order to further its progress on the tower construction, WSJN-CD has retained a new construction company for the tower replacement, H&C Communications. H&C Communications is currently in the process of purchasing the tower that is needed to complete this process. Steps are being taken to ensure the tower structure is delivered to Puerto Rico in approximately 60 days, barring no further delivery delays due to the pandemic. As soon as the equipment arrives, the time frame for the replacement and set up is estimated at one week.

Accordingly, Ms. Rolon hereby requests a further extension of WSJN-CD’s STA to operate with interim facilities while construction of the station’s new tower and facilities are completed.