

Engineering STA Extension Request

Caguas Educational TV Inc. (“Caguas”), licensee of station WUJA-DT, Caguas, Puerto Rico (Facility ID No. 8156) (“WUJA”), hereby requests a further extension of its Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate WUJA from an interim antenna while Caguas completes installation of the station’s new tower.¹

On June 29, 2018, the FCC granted Caguas’s initial STA request (“Initial STA Request”) to permit WUJA to commence operations on its post-auction channel at 10.0 kW via an interim antenna from its present antenna site by August 1, 2018 post-auction transition deadline.² For its interim operations, WUJA utilizes a SIRA UTV01 4x2 antenna array at 18-16-40.8 N, 66-06-31.5 W, thereby permitting WUJA to commence operations on its post-auction channel.³ However, as noted in the Initial STA Request, a structural study of WUJA’s tower revealed that the tower needed to be replaced due to the damage from Hurricane Maria.⁴

On January 1, 2019, the FCC granted Caguas’s first STA extension request (“First STA Extension Request”) to continue operations of WUJA on its post-auction channel at 10.0 kW via an interim antenna from its present antenna site.⁵ As noted in the First STA Extension Request, Caguas had ordered a new tower from Sabre Industries with an estimated six-month delivery timeframe to Puerto Rico.⁶

On July 9, 2019, the FCC granted Caguas’s second STA extension request (“Second STA Extension Request”) to continue operations of WUJA on its post-auction channel at 10.0 kW via an interim antenna from its present antenna site.⁷ As stated in the Second STA Extension Request, Caguas had received WUJA’s new tower, and had commenced construction of the new tower.⁸

On January 6, 2020, the FCC granted Caguas’ third STA extension request (“Third STA Extension Request”) to continue operations of WUJA on its post-auction channel at 10.0 kW via an interim antenna from its present antenna site.⁹ As stated in its Third STA Extension Request, Caguas was continuing construction of the new tower.¹⁰

¹ See File No. 0000055314, *as extended* File Nos. 0000064412, 0000076230, 0000094747, and 0000108375.

² File No. 0000055314.

³ See File Nos. 0000055314 & 0000064412.

⁴ File No. 0000055314.

⁵ File No. 0000064412.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ File No. 0000076230.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ File No. 0000094747.

¹⁰ *Id.*

On March 31, 2020, the FCC granted Caguas' fourth STA extension request ("Fourth STA Extension Request") to continue operations of WUJA on its post-auction channel at 10.0 kW via an interim antenna from its present site.¹¹ As stated in its Fourth STA Extension Request, Caguas had discontinued construction of WUJA's new tower due to the COVID-19 pandemic.¹²

The effects of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic severely hampered Caguas' efforts in completing construction of WUJA's new tower. WUJA had 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 further delayed completion of construction of WUJA's new tower. When the government agencies in Puerto Rico began reopening on September 14, 2020, WUJA was able to continue working, and worked diligently to secure the necessary permits for construction of WUJA's new tower. While Caguas had hoped it would be able to secure those permits over the next few weeks to months, but it has faced delay from local agencies.

On February 2, 2021, the FCC granted Caguas' fifth STA extension request ("Fifth STA Extension Request") to continue operations of WUJA on its post-auction channel at 10.0 kW via an interim antenna from its present site.¹³ As stated in its fifth STA Extension Request, Caguas was able to resume work on WUJA's new tower.¹⁴ In the time since the last extension, Caguas has been able to make progress. Caguas has retained a contractor, who is ready to build. Caguas has also procured the antenna, lines are currently being sent, and the transmitter was installed some time ago. The last obstacle it faces is procuring the necessary local building permits. While it is hard to predict with certainty, Caguas estimates this will take approximately four months, and estimates an additional 90 days to finish construction once the necessary local building permits are obtained.

Grant of this instant STA extension request is in the public interest because it will allow WUJA to continue serving the local community by remaining on the air to broadcast its programming to the public until Caguas can complete construction of WUJA's new tower. Especially now, it is important to share local health announcements and news updates with the local community. Caguas has made progress, and looks forward to completing construction on this project. Therefore, Caguas hereby respectfully requests a further extension of WUJA's STA so that WUJA may continue operations on its post-auction channel at 10.0 kW via an interim antenna until Caguas can complete construction of WUJA's new tower.

¹¹ File No. 0000108375.

¹² *Id.*

¹³ File No. 0000122320.

¹⁴ *Id.*