

**Televiscentro of Puerto Rico, LLC
Request For Special Temporary Authority
WAPA-TV (FCC Facility ID No. 52073)**

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES

As explained in its prior STA requests, Station WAPA-TV has been operating under an STA with reduced power from that proposed in modification application 0000055015 since November 2018 because of damage caused by Hurricane Maria and the need to make modifications to the building and the transmitter site. WAPA-TV has installed the new antenna authorized in Construction Permit 0000055015. Specifically, WAPA-TV is operating at 55.4% of authorized power. The most recent STA extension was granted on December 1, 2021 and expires on January 26, 2022 (File No. 0000169731). Construction Permit 0000055015 was tolled through January 26, 2022 (See File No. 0000151309). On January 19, 2022, the licensee—Televiscentro of Puerto Rico, LLC (“Televiscentro”)-- filed a request that the construction permit be tolled for an additional 30 days until February 26, 2022 (File No. 0000180303).

During the past few months, WAPA-TV has made considerable progress in completing construction of the authorized transmission facilities. Specifically, it has completed construction of the transmitter building and has installed the electrical system and the necessary transmission equipment, including the new transmitter. The station encountered some unexpected delays because of issues with a water radiator, faulty amplifiers, and a coaxial switch. Repairs to this equipment took longer than anticipated because of staffing issues due to COVID and schedule backlogs. However, Televiscentro has now completed the necessary repairs. The only remaining work is for an engineer who works for the company that manufactured the transmitter—Hitachi-Comark—to conduct a proof of performance for the new transmission equipment and make any necessary adjustments and calibrations. The engineer was scheduled to travel to Puerto Rico and begin the tests on January 11th; however, the company informed Televiscentro that he had tested positive for COVID-19 and would be unable to travel to Puerto Rico. He is now scheduled to begin work this week or next week. However, due to COVID protocols and airline delays which have been well-publicized, it is possible that this timing will slip. In addition, the station needs to have sufficient time to complete any repairs, adjustments and recalibrations to the equipment that are needed based on the testing.

The licensee is using its best efforts to complete the remaining tasks as soon as possible; WAPA-TV respectfully requests temporary authority to continue to operate at reduced power. Grant of the STA will serve the public interest because it will enable WAPA-TV to continue over-the-air operations on its authorized channel while the building modifications are completed.