

REQUEST FOR
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Telecinco, Inc., licensee of Station WRFB(TV), Carolina, Puerto Rico (“Station”), hereby requests Special Temporary Authority to operate with reduced power from the tower site specified in its post-transition construction permit authorization (0000034795) (the “CP Authorization”).

Telecinco completed the construction of its authorized post-transition tower, and has installed the antenna and transmission line. However, Telecinco determined that it will need to modify the Station’s transmitter building to accommodate the post-transition, full-power transmitter. Construction on the transmitter building has commenced and the full-power transmitter is expected to be installed by the end of December 2022.

Previously, the FCC granted Special Temporary Authority to operate the Station at reduced power from an alternative tower site (0000122550, 0000141019, 0000153592, 0000161091, and 0000185738) (the “Interim STA”). Telecinco received the STA pursuant to the Public Notice, DA 18-901, dated August 30, 2018 (“Public Notice”), providing additional time for television stations that have been silent since Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico in September 2017.

As the FCC is aware, Hurricane Maria destroyed the tower site specified in the Station’s post-Incentive Auction construction permit authorization. The Station commenced operations with reduced facilities on February 23, 2019, recently completed the construction of the replacement tower site, including the installation of the antenna and transmission line.

Telecinco is seeking special temporary authority to operate from the transmitter site specified in its CP Authorization, but with reduced power due to the use of an interim transmitter. The interim transmitter is not capable of providing sufficient power for WRFB to operate with its final, full-power facilities. But for the additional space required by the new transmitter, Station WRFB would have already submitted a license to cover application. Previously, Telecinco sought an extension of the Tolling authorization for the CP Authorization.

Therefore, pursuant to the flexibility afforded by the FCC to Puerto Rico licensees, Telecinco requests an STA to operate with reduced facilities through March 6, 2023. Telecinco is working as diligently as possible to complete construction, but has faced insurmountable obstacles, including the delayed delivery of construction resources and transmission equipment, which has forced Telecinco to commence operation on its post-Incentive Auction channel with reduced facilities.