

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Telecinco, Inc., licensee of Station WRFB(TV), Carolina, Puerto Rico (“Station”), hereby requests an extension of 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 was necessary to modify the Station’s transmitter building to accommodate the post-transition, full-power transmitter. Construction on the transmitter building has been completed, but the final steps to install the full-power transmitter has been delayed due to delays in constructing the electric substation that will power the authorized facilities.

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.

Unfortunately, the construction of the electronic substation has been delayed due to the need to obtain the necessary transformers to complete its work. In particular, the delay has been caused by the need for the acquisition (or manufacture) the transformers so that WRFB may operate at its authorized power level. Due to supply chain issues and the potential need to import the transformers from mainland United States, Telecinco will not be able to commence operations at full power before the current STA Authorization expires on May 21, 2023 (0000203616). Based on currently-available information, Telecinco believes that it may be possible to find and install the required transformers by November 2023.

Therefore, pursuant to the flexibility afforded by the FCC to Puerto Rico licensees, Telecinco requests an extension of the current STA Authorization to operate with reduced facilities for an additional six-month period. Telecinco is working as diligently as possible to commence operations with full-power, but has faced insurmountable obstacles, including now the delayed electric substation construction effort, which has forced Telecinco to operate on its post-Incentive Auction channel with reduced facilities.