

March 20th, 2024

To the FCC:

C/o to whom it may concern:

As stated previously in a September 2023 communication with the Commission, the WKVM transmitter experienced a technical malfunction (more serious than originally realized) requiring work and servicing that will keep it at less than 50% power operation for an extended period, for which the licensee was granted an STA expiring on the 10th of April 2024. Repairs have been conducted but repairs of the power amplifiers, which are 17 years old, require additional time and budgeting because off-the-shelf provisioning is not available.

The licensee, Radio Paz, is now in the process of budgeting and obtaining the additional monies needed to finalize repairs to the transmitter, enabling the return to licensed power. Extending the STA is in the public interest because WKVM AM is a religious broadcast station that serves the Catholic Community of the greater San Juan metroplex in Puerto Rico. Transmitting at approximately 50% of authorized power permits the station/Licensee to continue to serve the public with news and other information of interest to this community. WKVM is also an EAS participant, and the public relies on it for emergency information during the four month hurricane season here in the Caribbean.

However, the allotted time issued by the current STA will not suffice to return WKVM to authorized power. Radio Paz respectfully requests that the Commission grant an extension to this current STA which is slated to end on April 10th, 2024.

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