

Reasons for Engineering STA Request

WSJN-CD, Facility ID 48239
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Wanda Rolon, licensee of station WSJN-CD, Facility ID 48239, San Juan, Puerto Rico, requests a Special Temporary Authority (STA) so that WSJN-CD can commence operations on its post-auction channel 22 with an ERP of 10 kW using the authorized antenna pattern and site of its post auction Construction Permit (CP) on August 1, 2018, the post-auction transition deadline. WSJN-CD was assigned new parameters as a result of the Broadcast Incentive Auction; the WSJN-CD site was severely damaged and its tower destroyed by Hurricane Maria. As a result of the hurricane damage, the Federal Communications Commission allowed TV stations in Puerto Rico to transition to their post-auction channels on August 1, 2018, before the end of the transition's Phase 1 (See Public Notice, Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Grant Waiver of the Post-Auction Transition Schedule and Modify the Transition Phase Assignments of Repacked Stations in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, MB Docket No. 16-306, GN Docket No. 12-268, DA 18-25).

WSJN-CD has confronted serious difficulties caused by hurricane Maria, which has strained the availability of riggers in Puerto Rico to reconstruct its tower; additionally, the provider of the new tower has experienced delays in delivery due to extreme demand. Thus the station will begin operations with a provisional shorter tower with the herein requested STA until the new antenna can be installed in the reconstructed new tower.

WSJN-CD plans to utilize a PSI PSILP8BB-22 antenna at a provisional short tower for this STA operation. The installation of the complete, full facilities will not be completed until after the August 1 transition deadline. Operation under the requested operation is necessary for the WSJN-CD to remain on the air and timely transition to its new channel while the necessary reconstruction of its tower and the installation of the new antenna is completed. Grant of this STA request is believe to be in the public interest because it will allow WSJN-CD to remain on the air to broadcast its programming to the public while its permanent facilities undergo construction for the repack transition. Grant of this STA request would also further the Broadcast Incentive Auction repack transition by allowing WSJN-CD to transition to its new channel 22 on August 1, 2018. A six month STA is requested, but should the full facilities be completed sooner the FCC will be promptly notified and a license application filed.