

Reasons for Silent STA Renewal Request

TV Red de Puerto Rico, licensee of station W34ED-D, Facility ID 181824 in Cayey, PR, requests renewal of its current Silent Temporary Authority (STA) for a period of six month beyond the one-year off air period, as per the special provisions made by the FCC for broadcasting stations in PR and the USVI that were taken down by Hurricanes Irma and Maria (FCC Public Notice DA 18-901). W34ED-D was forced to shut off its operations as a consequence of the destruction of communications facilities in Puerto Rico and the USVI caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. TV Red de Puerto Rico had to shut down 30 LPTV stations and cancel the licenses of 14 of these stations due to the tremendous financial burden imposed by the hurricanes losses and the concurrent TV Repacking. TV Red is now in the process of rebuilding the facilities of the remaining 16 licenses, a great financial difficulty, including that of W34ED-D, which was displaced by the FCC TV Spectrum Repacking and got a CP to build and operate on channel 35 (W35DO-D); it is anticipated that the new facilities will be built and notified as back on the air no later than March 5, 2019.