

**Request for Continued Tolling of Construction Permit
WTIN-TV (Fac. ID No. 26681), Ponce, Puerto Rico**

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Televiscentro of Puerto Rico, LLC (“Televiscentro”), licensee of station WTIN-TV, Ponce, PR (Facility ID No. 26681), respectfully requests that construction permit 0000034579 authorizing the station to modify its facilities to operate on its post-auction channel continue to be tolled in accordance with Section 73.3598(d) of the Commission’s rules. For the reasons described below, continued tolling of the construction permit is consistent with Commission rules and will further the public interest.

By letter dated April 5, 2019, the Media Bureau granted Televiscentro’s request that construction permit 0000034579 be tolled because an Act of God – Hurricane Maria-- justified tolling of the WTIN construction permit. As Televiscentro explained in its request for tolling, to operate from its permanent repacked facilities with full power, extensive modifications to the WTIN-TV tower, including substantial tower reinforcement work, were needed before WTIN-TV’s permanent antenna could be installed. During the period since the initial tolling request was granted, Televiscentro completed the installation of the permanent antenna and transmitter. However, before a license to cover can be filed, Televiscentro needs a certified tower crew to make final modifications to the tower to comply with FCC repack specifications. Because of the increasing number of stations going through the repack process, it has become more difficult for Televiscentro to schedule a crew. They are currently working with a crew that may be able to do the necessary work in late January 2020. Because of the difficulty in scheduling a tower crew, Televiscentro has not been able to complete construction of its permanent facilities. Televiscentro is hopeful that completion of the final tower reinforcement work will be completed in February 2020.

This information is submitted in accordance with Section 73.3598(d) of the Commission’s rules which requires permittees to file updates in six-month intervals, detailing how an Act of God continues to cause delays in construction and the steps being taken to resolve remaining impediments. Televiscentro respectfully submits that the extensive damage sustained in Hurricane Maria which has resulted in extreme delays in scheduling certified tower crews continues to delay Televiscentro’s ability to complete construction of its permanent repacked facilities. Further, because WTIN-TV has been operating on its post-auction channel since August 1, 2018, continued tolling of the construction permit will not impact the overall transition schedule or cause interference to other stations. Continued Tolling of the construction permit will also enable Televiscentro to continue providing service to the public while it completes the final tower modification work at the Station’s permanent tower site.

For the reasons set forth above, Televiscentro respectfully requests that construction permit 0000034579 continue to be tolled.