

**W16CW-D - REASONS FOR REQUESTING ENGINEERING STA
AND NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL STATUS**

W16CW-D HAD BEEN OPERATING UNDER SILENT STA, FILE # 0000068301, DUE TO EXTENSIVE DAMAGES SUFFERED DURING HURRICANE MARIA. THE STATION RESUMED OPERATIONS ON AUGUST 14, 2019 UNDER THE PARAMETERS OF ENG. STA, FILE # 0000068064.

THE STATION IS WORKING TO CONSTRUCT ITS CP FACILITIES, WHICH WILL TAKE ADDITIONAL TIME DUE TO THE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT SITUATION PUERTO RICO IS EXPERIENCING, INCLUDING AN UNPRECEDENTED SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES (MORE THAN 500 SEISMIC EVENTS SO FAR) THAT STARTED ON DECEMBER 28, 2019 AND HAVE NOT STOPPED, THE LAST ONE OCCURRING ON MAY 2, 2020, A STRONG MAGNITUDE 5.5 EARTHQUAKE. THIS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED THE ALREADY WEAKENED (BY HURRICANE MARIA) ELECTRICAL GRID AND LESSENED FURTHER ITS RELIABILITY (**SEE FCC PUBLIC NOTICE DA 20-28 "PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY PUERTO RICO EARTHQUAKES"**), IN ADDITION TO THE VERY DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION OF ISLAND, WHICH HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY IN BANKRUPTCY SINCE MAY 2017 AND NOW HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY HIT, LIKE EVERY OTHER US TERRITORY AND STATE, BY THE UNPRECEDENTED CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

IN THE INTERIM, THE STATION IS REQUESTING AN ENGINEERING STA, SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUSLY ONE GRANTED, BUT THIS TIME ON A CHANNEL SHARING AGREEMENT BASIS (CSA) WITH STATION W18DQ-D, WHICH IS SIMULTANEOUSLY REQUESTING AN ENG. STA, TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICE AT REDUCED POWER, AS SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED FIGURE 1. BOTH STATIONS, W18DQ-D AND W16CW-D WILL TEMPORARILY OPERATE ON A CHANNEL SHARING BASIS ON CHANNEL 16. THIS ENG. STA FOR W16CW-D IS REQUESTED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.