

WJWN-TV REQUEST TO OPERATE AT REDUCED POWER

America-CV Station Group, Inc. (“ACV”), licensee of WJWN-TV, San Sebastian, Puerto Rico (Facility ID No. 58342) (“WJWN-TV”) seeks authority to operate WJWN-TV with power reduced to 500 watts, being 15% of the power level authorized in WJWN-TV’s construction permit, pursuant to authority granted to it under Title 47, Section 73.1560 and Title 47, Section 73.1635 of the Commission’s Code of Federal Regulations.¹

WJWN-TV went silent on September 25, 2017 due to tower destruction caused by Hurricane Maria, and ACV filed a Special Temporary Authority (“STA”), which the Commission granted. Upon ACV’s request, the Commission subsequently approved further multiple extensions to WJWN-TV’s silent STA, which ACV requested on September 18, 2018, March 5, 2019, September 20, 2019, and March 16, 2020.² ACV requested these extensions in order to install and test its new antenna and transmitter, as well as to complete the electrical wiring at the site. On March 16, 2020, ACV also requested that tolling on WJWN-TV’s construction permit for post-auction facilities (LMS File No. 0000027870) be extended a further 180 days, which the Commission granted.³ On May 4, 2020, ACV filed a currently pending request for reinstatement and extension of WJWN-TV’s license through September 28, 2020 (LMS File No. 0000113086). On July 28, 2020 and August 5, 2020, ACV subsequently filed an amendment to its pending May 4, 2020 request due to delays in ACV’s construction schedule caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.⁴

On July 31, 2020, WJWN-TV resumed operations at its licensed site on its post-auction channel. Some repairs have been made to allow WJWN-TV to resume operations, but only at a reduced power of 500 watts, being 15% of the power level as authorized in WJWN-TV’s construction permit for post-auction facilities. The recent COVID-19 outbreak in Puerto Rico has also hampered ACV’s efforts in scheduling the necessary construction crews and engineers to complete construction of its new antenna, transmitter, and post-auction facilities, as entry to the island by ACV’s crew is subject to new testing guidelines and ACV’s engineers are not available until mid-September 2020 to complete construction.

ACV requests a 90-day extension to operate WJWN-TV at reduced power of 500 watts. Grant of this request for reduced power operation will allow the station to continue to serve the public while additional repairs are made and further technical issues are addressed with WJWN-TV’s new antenna and transmitter for its post-auction facilities. ACV hopes that construction of WJWN-TV’s post-auction facilities can be completed and that WJWN-TV can be operating at full power by late September 2020.

¹ See 47 CFR § 73.1560(d) and 47 CFR § 73.1635.

² See LMS File No. 0000059651, LMS File No. 0000068289, LMS File No. 0000081786, and LMS File No. 0000108042.

³ LMS File No. 0000108043. See also LMS File Nos. 0000066078 (Construction Permit extension), 0000067189 (tolling request) & 0000082011 (tolling extension request), as amended 0000108043. See also Letter from Barbara A. Kreisman, Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau, FCC, to ACV at 1 (Mar. 30, 2020).

⁴ LMS File No. 0000113086.