

Engineering STA Extension Request

Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System (“VIPBS”), licensee of noncommercial educational station WTJX-TV, Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands, Facility ID No. 70287 (the “Station”), hereby requests further extension for 180 days of the Station’s engineering STA, which is currently set to expire on October 5, 2020 (LMS File No. 0000109081; *see* LMS File No. 0000060812, as extended by LMS File No. 0000072192 and LMS File No. 0000088194) to operate on the Station’s repack channel at variance from the Station’s repack construction permit.

VIPBS continues to complete the extensive tower work required to fully implement the Station’s repack construction permit. The Station is currently operating on its post-auction channel using an interim side mount antenna on its 250’ licensed tower. VIPBS has completed rebuilding its 100’ adjacent auxiliary tower and resolved its lighting and painting issues, but is waiting for FAA to approve a pending correction for the 250’ coordinates. Once the FAA application is final, and the 100’ auxiliary tower is ready, the contractor plans to move the station’s repack channel antenna temporarily to the 100’ tower while it completes a rebuild of the 250’ licensed tower. However, VIPBS’ contractor’s timeline has been somewhat delayed by the Virgin Islands’ quarantine restrictions and testing requirements as a result of the global pandemic.

For the foregoing reasons, VIPBS respectfully requests a further extension of the STA for an additional 180 days.