

### **WTPM-LD Discontinued Operations Exhibit**

On September 20, 2017, the island of Puerto Rico was devastated by the arrival and aftermath of Hurricane Maria. Like many other stations on the island, WTPM-LD, Mayaguez-Anasco, PR (Facility ID No. 20271) (“WTPM-LD”), sustained extensive damages due to the storm, forcing it to go silent.

Correspondingly with sustaining damages due to the storm, WTPM-LD was also displaced from its licensed channel as a result of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) Incentive Auction and repacking process, whereby the station was to be reassigned from channel 45 to channel 28. Due to the devastating impact from the hurricane, many stations, including WTPM-LD, faced the choice of either remaining silent for an indefinite amount of time or restoring service on their pre-auction channel, only to have to rebuild their facility again on their post-auction channel. However, in an effort to assist the stations facing this dilemma, the Commission permitted them to instead construct their post-auction facilities ahead of schedule.<sup>1</sup> On May 9, 2018 Corp. of the Seventh Day Adventists of West P.R., licensee of WTPM-LD (“Licensee”), filed its Displacement for LPTV Station Application, which was granted by the Commission on July 12, 2018.<sup>2</sup> As a result, Licensee was granted a construction permit to construct and complete its new operational facilities on channel 28 at a different site, which was to expire thirty-six months after the grant date.

On August 30, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) released a Public Notice acknowledging that many of the broadcast facilities that were affected by Hurricane Maria had not been rebuilt and operations had not resumed, although the one-year anniversary of the landfall of the hurricane was approaching.<sup>3</sup> As such, the Commission confirmed that the Media Bureau would withhold cancelling broadcast licenses in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for an extended period of six months from September 6, 2018, until March 6, 2019.<sup>4</sup> Prior to this deadline, on March 4, 2019 Licensee filed a LPTV Engineering STA Application (“STA Application”) requesting the Commission’s approval to operate on its post-auction channel at reduced power with significant coverage.<sup>5</sup> On March 5, 2019, also prior to the Commission’s deadline, Licensee also filed a Reduced Power Notification explaining that the station was resuming operations at lower than normal power, as described in its STA Application.<sup>6</sup>

On November 29, 2019, Licensee filed a Modification of a LPTV Station Construction Permit Application, requesting the Commission’s approval for a minor modification to its construction permit, which was granted on December 5, 2019.<sup>7</sup> The modified construction permit continues to expire on July 12, 2021. Licensee is currently working hard to complete its post-auction facilities so that the station can be fully operational pursuant to the July 21, 2021 deadline.

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<sup>1</sup> See News, FCC, *Chairman Pai on Accelerating the Post-Incentive Auction Transition to Support Broadcasters in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands* (Jan. 11, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> See LMS File No. 0000053942.

<sup>3</sup> See 33 FCC Rcd 8368 (13).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> LMS File No. 0000068273.

<sup>6</sup> LMS File No. 0000068316.

<sup>7</sup> LMS File No. 0000092014.