

SWORN STATEMENT

I, Juan Carlos Matos Barreto President of Western New Life Inc. Licensee of TV Station WQHA, Aguada, Puerto Rico declare under penalty of perjury the following statements.

1- Puerto Rico on September of 2017 was hit by two hurricanes Category 5 that was hurricane Irma on September 6 and hurricane Maria two weeks later on September 20. Both catastrophic events break the Puerto Rico Power Authority generation system leaving the island without electricity for three to six months in a row.

2- The tower and antenna of WQHA was destroyed on the ground because it did not resist the strong winds of both hurricanes. WNL filed through LMS a Request for Silence STA on November 8, 2017 and was granted on 11/14/2017.

3- This situation cut the 100% incomes to WQHA. Juan Carlos Matos who is 51% owner of WQHA is at the same time 51% owner in New Life Broadcasting, Inc. Licensee of Stations WNVM-FM and WNVI-AM that were running with power diesel generators 24/7 and the cost associated with the fuel, oil and parts maintenance was incredibly high during six months in a row.

4- Due to lack of power for so long across the island the advertisers cancel near all the publicity contracts with our stations creating an economy crisis for the operation of our stations. The top priority for us with this chaotic situation was to cut operational expenses to keep the radio stations running on the air without firing station employees.

5- I hope the FCC could understand our chaotic situation when the agency issues its PN DA 17-1086 announcing the temporarily lift on the freeze on the filing of minor change applications to increase the coverage of the tv stations. Puerto Rico not only lack power service by November, 2017 the island lacks Internet Service and telephone service. This fact is part of FCC Records since the agency give special attention to this local situation. Due to this reason we never learn of the Public Notice DA 17-1086 and the opportunity back then to improve WQHA service area.

6- This situation brings us to a plan to rebuilt WQHA tower and its associate cost and the expenses to move the tv station to a new television channel since the repack process force us to move from UHF Channel 50 to the new on-air channel 25.

7- WQHA must cover all the associate expenses with its own money since the repack process was set the way where the agency only “reimburses” the associate expenses specified in the repack process. That fact only two months later after been affected by two category five hurricanes was a near impossible task to manage in this short period of time. The window lift runs from November 28 thru December 7, 2017.

8- Juan Carlos Matos Barreto and his wife Ana G. Velez Montes are husband and wife and both own Western New Life, Inc. Licensee of WQHA-TV and New Life Broadcasting, Inc. Licensee of WNVM-FM and WNVI-AM like small broadcasters we lack the funds on November 2017 to operate our stations due to hurricanes horrible consequences and at the same time enter into the technical and legal expenses to prepare and file a minor change application to improve WQHA facilities.

9- Now three years later and perhaps Covid19 situation that affected all areas of living and doing business we are ready to go forward with the project of improve WQHA service area moving to a new site. We respectfully request from the FCC an opportunity to serve more than two million potential viewers and compete

in a fairer balance with a lot other television station granting this waiver request.

Sincerely Yours,

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