

Engineering STA Request

WRUA-DT, Fajardo, Puerto Rico (Facility ID No. 15320)

Eastern Television Corporation (“ETC”), licensee of WRUA-DT, Fajardo, Puerto Rico (Facility ID No. 15320) (“WRUA”), respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for WRUA to operate with facilities proposed herein while ETC seeks reinstatement and modification of WRUA’s now-expired construction permit, LMS File No. 0000081351 (“Repack CP”).

On September 13, 2019, ETC filed an application for WRUA’s Repack CP, which was granted on September 18, 2019.¹ ETC subsequently sought, and the Commission granted, tolling and extension of the Repack CP first due to damage from Hurricane Maria and later because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic – both of which were beyond ETC’s control.² WRUA operated with auxiliary facilities pursuant to STA while ETC completed construction of facilities authorized in WRUA’s Repack CP.³

Tolling of WRUA’s Repack CP expired on November 30, 2021. ETC inadvertently failed to request a further extension of tolling of WRUA’s Repack CP and is now separately seeking reinstatement of that construction permit. In the meantime, however, WRUA will operate at the same parameters as the facilities proposed in the Repack CP but with a Dielectric antenna and at a modified azimuth. Once WRUA’s Repack CP is reinstated, ETC will file an application to modify WRUA’s Repack CP to match the facilities it will operate with pursuant to this STA request. Once that minor modification application is granted, ETC will file a license application for WRUA to operate permanently with the facilities proposed in this STA request.

Accordingly, ETC respectfully requests grant of this STA request for WRUA to operate with its proposed permanent facilities until the Repack CP is reinstated and ETC subsequently files an application to modify the Repack CP and a license to cover application.

¹ LMS File No. 0000081351.

² See Extension of a Construction Permit, LMS File No. 0000058611; *see also* Request for Tolling of Construction Permit, LMS File No. 0000067259, *as extended* LMS File Nos. 0000114985, 0000122692, 0000147533, and 0000158219.

³ See DTV Engineering STA Application, LMS File Nos. 0000075308, 0000114955, 0000122683, and 0000158220. WRUA’s most recent Engineering STA Request, filed August 31, 2021, currently remains pending. See LMS File No. 0000158220. ETC is separately requesting dismissal of that pending request as it is no longer operating in accordance with the reduced power facilities described in that request.