

W232DH – Technical STA Request – Justification

DUE TO SEVERE FLOODING IN PUERTO RICO AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE FIONA ON 9/18/22, W232DH's PRIMARY STATION, WUNO (AM) SAN JUAN, PR Fac ID #54476 LOST BOTH ITS PRIMARY AND BACKUP TRANSMITTERS TO WATER DAMAGE FROM THE FLOODING. LICENSEE HAS ORDERED A NEW TRANSMITTER FROM THE MAINLAND BUT DELIVERY COULD TAKE UP TO 60 DAYS. LICENSEE HAS FILED A SILENT STA REQUEST FOR WUNO (AM) (LMS #0000200916).

THE WUNO TRANSMITTERS WERE COMPLETELY INUNDATED WITH WATER. ENGINEERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO REVIVE/REWIRE THEM IN THE INTERIM WHILE AWAITING A NEW TRANSMITTER DELIVERY. IN THE INTERIM, ARSO RADIO CORP. RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS EMERGENCY SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA) FOR W232DH TO ORIGINATE THE WUNO PROGRAMMING FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO SIXTY (60) DAYS.

PRIOR TO, AND DURING THIS CONTINUING HURRICANE CRISIS, ARSO HAS SERVED THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY PROVIDING THE SAN JUAN AREA WITH EMERGENCY NEWS AND INFORMATION. WUNO SERVES AS THE LEADING NEWS/TALK STATION IN SAN JUAN AND GRANT OF THIS INSTANT STA WILL ALLOW CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS TO PROVIDE IMPORTANT NEWS AND INFORMATION SUCH AS POWER RESTORATION INFORMATION AND AVAILABILITY OF DRINKING WATER SOURCES AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION, AND AS SUCH A GRANT IS CLEARLY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.