

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Telecinco, Inc., licensee of Station WRFB(TV), Carolina, Puerto Rico (“Station”), requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority to operate with reduced power from the tower site specified in its post-transition construction permit authorization (0000034795, as modified by 0000203288) (the “CP Authorization”). The Commission previously granted special temporary authority to operate at reduced power (0000218785), which will expire on February 1, 2024.

Telecinco completed the construction of its authorized post-transition tower, and has installed the antenna and transmission line. Additionally, Telecinco completed the necessary modifications to the Station’s transmitter building to accommodate the post-transition, full-power transmitter. Despite the completion of construction, Telecinco has not been able to take the final steps to operate the full-power transmitter due to delays in constructing the electric substation.

Telecinco is seeking an extension of the special temporary authority to operate from the transmitter site specified in its CP Authorization, but with reduced power due to the use of an interim transmitter. The interim transmitter is not capable of providing sufficient power for WRFB to operate with its final, full-power facilities.

As previously reported, the construction of the electric substation has been delayed. In particular, Telecinco was required to place a custom order to obtain the necessary transformers to complete its work. Due to supply chain issues, Telecinco did not receive the transformers until the end of December 2023. Before the transformers can be installed, the transformer cabinet must be constructed. Telecinco expects that the cabinet construction will be completed by January 31, 2024.

Once the cabinet is constructed, Telecinco will move expeditiously to: (i) install the ground system; (ii) install the transformers inside the cabinet; (iii) install the wiring between the power pole and transformers; and (iv) install and proof the transmitter for full-power operations. Telecinco believes that the remaining steps can be completed by June 1, 2024, but requests a full six-month period in the event that there are further delays.

Therefore, pursuant to the flexibility afforded by the FCC to Puerto Rico licensees, Telecinco requests an extension of the current STA Authorization to operate with reduced facilities for an additional six-month period, through July 31, 2024. As discussed above, Telecinco is working diligently and in good faith to commence full-power operations on its post-Incentive Auction channel.