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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup>, Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church in Puerto Rico, Archdiocese of San Juan, licensee of AM broadcast station WKVM, San Juan, Puerto, this is to request Special Temporary Authority (STA) pursuant to Section 73.1635(a) of the Commission's Rules, to remain silent for an initial period not to exceed 90 days. It is currently anticipated that additional requests to extend the STA will be necessary.

The reason for this request is that due to the effects of Hurricane Maria, one of the three WKVM towers was destroyed. The station has been off the air since October 8, 2017. Every effort is being made to replace that tower but due to the fact that that Puerto Rico has not fully recovered from the disastrous effects of the hurricane, the effort has been greatly impeded. The emergency nature of the station's loss obviated the licensee's ability to give the FCC ten days prior notice.

Any questions regarding this matter should be addressed to the undersigned, as FCC counsel for the Archdiocese. Telephone communications with Puerto Rico are unreliable and sporadic. Every effort will be made by the undersigned to relay any FCC requests to the appropriate staff member of the station.

The Archdiocese has authorized the undersigned, pursuant to Section 1.2002 of the Commission's rules, that neither the applicant nor any party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.

Respectfully submitted,

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