

Waiver Request (if required)
Renewal of License KE2XAE

If it is deemed necessary in order to renew this authorization, American Broadcasting Companies, Inc., hereby seeks any waiver required to continue to operate INMARSAT terminals within the boundaries of the United States in event such INMARSAT operation is excluded due to the AMSC satellite system becoming operational. American Broadcasting Companies, Inc., owns and operates two INMARSAT terminals, which are usually based overseas and are operated in this country only in event of an emergency which disrupts normal communications infrastructure. The terminals are used during breaking news stories for communications and news coverage when no other means of transmission are available. These events have included hurricanes, earthquakes, and plane crashes. Since usage in the United States is so seldom, it does not make sense to buy another set of equipment and contract with AMSC when we already have the INMARSAT facilities for overseas use. Furthermore, the audio quality offered by the AMSC system is, we believe, noticeably inferior to the quality available over the INMARSAT system. In circumstances when the only news link available is this terminal and a report to be broadcast over the ABC Television Network originates on this system, the audio quality difference would be of concern.