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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: **Northrop Grumman Corporation's Request For a 180-day Extension of the Grant of Special Temporary Authority under Call Sign WB9XLQ (File No. 0268-EX-ST-2001)**

Dear Madam Secretary:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Northrop Grumman Corporation ("NGC"), is a request for a 180-day extension of the of the Commission's grant of Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") under Call Sign WB9XLQ (File No. 0268-EX-ST-2001) to operate the mobile-ground and airborne communications systems in the area around Hagerstown, Maryland.

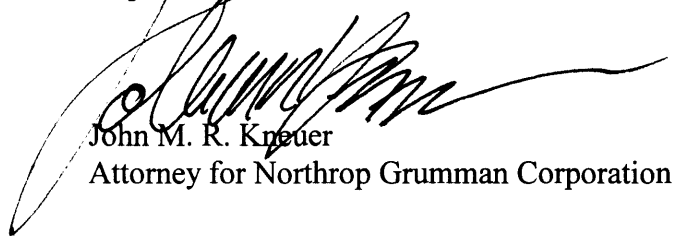
NGC is requesting the 180-day extension of the grant of STA in order to continue to demonstrate to a customer several off-the-self communication devices and electronic sensors, which have been integrated into airborne platform and associated ground station systems, and to conduct qualification tests of the systems. The current STA will expire on February 9, 2002. Therefore, NGC respectfully requests action on the request on or before February 9, 2002.

Also enclosed are a FCC Form 159 and a check made payable to the "Federal Communications Commission" in the amount of \$50.00 to cover the requisite filing fee.

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Any questions concerning this filing may be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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