

Nature of Request

By the instant application (“Application For Permanent Authority”), BAE SYSTEMS Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc. (“BAE SYSTEMS”) requests that the Commission grant an experimental license for the facilities (“Facilities”) specified in the instant FCC Form 442.

Pursuant to File No. 0509-EX-ST-2003 (the “STA Request”), the Commission granted Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to BAE SYSTEMS to operate the subject Facilities through August 2, 2004. Accordingly, BAE SYSTEMS hereby requests grant of the instant Application For Permanent Authority no later than August 2, 2004, so that BAE SYSTEMS can operate the Facilities under a full experimental license.

Purpose of the Operation

BAE SYSTEMS manufactures and tests various antennas for numerous classified customers. The Facilities for which BAE SYSTEMS seeks authority to operate pursuant to this STA Request are to be operated at the Merrimack Antenna Test Range located in Merrimack, NH, as part of BAE SYSTEMS’ performance of U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and U.S. Army military contracts (collectively, “Military Contracts”). The testing at the Antenna Test Range facilities is a critical part of the manufacture and delivery of military systems provided to the Armed Forces in support of Homeland Security as well as war efforts. The testing involves passive, non-radiating and active, radiating testing. The security guidelines applicable to the Military Contracts do not permit BAE SYSTEMS to reveal the contract number or the point of contact (POC) for the customer.

In light of the fact that STA has already been granted to BAE SYSTEMS for the subject program, and the other foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that grant of the instant Application For Permanent Authority is in the public interest, convenience and necessity.