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**Re: Request for Expedited Processing and Grant for Limited STA On 3 Discrete Frequencies to Support National Security From August 10-October 31, 2015**

**BAE Systems Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc.**
**Application For Special Temporary Authority**
**File No. 0819-EX-ST-2015**

Dear Mr. Nweke:

On behalf of BAE Systems Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc. ("BAE Systems"), this letter is to request expedited processing of the above-referenced application ("STA Request") wherein BAE Systems has requested that the Commission grant special temporary authority ("STA") to permit BAE Systems to operate the facilities specified in the STA Request for limited period of time, from August 10-October 31, 2015. During this period, BAE Systems expects to require only 10 days on which transmission will occur on the requested frequencies.

As explained at Exhibit 1 to the STA Request, operation on the requested frequencies by BAE Systems, during the limited requested period, is absolutely critical in order to meet extremely near-term field returns of military equipment that are expected to be delivered starting in the next few days. **To be clear, the successful and timely completion of this near-term testing within the requested period is directly related to national security, as the equipment to be tested must immediately be returned to military operation as soon as possible. Any questions regarding confirmation of the national security issues and related contract issues should be directed promptly to**:

Ms. Cynthia B Straney, US Navy
202-781-1791 (cynthia.b.straney@navy.mil).

In order to keep these operations as limited in scope as possible:

- BAE Systems has limited this request to only 3 discrete frequencies, namely: 252 MHz, 287 MHz, and 326 MHz; and

- During this requested STA period of August 10-October 31, 2015, BAE Systems expects to require only 10 days on which transmission will occur on the requested frequencies.

Because these transmission requirements are due to external military scheduling requirements beyond the applicant's control, and because the successful and timely completion of this near-term testing within the requested period is directly related to national security, expedited processing of this application is necessary and justified.[1]

Should any questions arise with respect to the instant Application, please do not hesitate to contact undersigned.

Sincerely,

Jeff Rummel
Attorney for BAE Systems Information and
Electronic Systems Integration Inc.

[1] As further explained at Exhibit 1, the full 228.8-328.6 MHz band had been authorized on BAE Systems' WE2XYG license since the initial grant in 2010, and operated without incident or objection. In the Commission's recent grant under File No. 0016-EX-ML-2015 (and the accompanying 0099-EX-RR-2015) for Station WE2XYG, the Commission removed the previously granted entire 228.8-328.6 MHz band. In File No. 0016-EX-ML-2015, BAE Systems simply requested only confirmation of power level for this band as .1W ERP, and the removal of the 4K00F3E emission designator, with no other changes requested. Despite numerous requests by BAE Systems to FCC requesting information on any remaining processing issues, no issue was ever identified to the company describing an objection or problem with the 228.8-328.6 MHz band. Nonetheless, without advance warning or discussion, the entire critical band was removed upon grant of the application. Despite this action, continued operation by BAE Systems within the removed band, during the requested limited period, is absolutely critical in order to meet extremely near-term field returns of military equipment that are expected to be delivered starting in the next few days.