

Request for Confidentiality

Bird Aerosystems is requesting confidentiality for its experimental STA request file number 0319-EX-ST-2016 to the extent allowed by the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §0.459. Should the Commission be unable to grant this confidentiality request, the applicant requests that the Commission contact the applicant as soon as possible.

The radio operations proposed under this application are for the integration of various technologies into an aircraft that is being developed for sale outside of the US. Because the Bird Aerosystems' customer has security concerns, Bird Aerosystems is seeking to keep details of the technology confidential. While the Commission's Rules automatically protect some national security information from public disclosure under 47 C.F.R. §0.457, the application submitted here does not fit into the provisions of Section 0.457 because the security concerns are for a government, but not the US government. Therefore, Bird Aerosystems is seeking to protect the information submitted here under the provisions of Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules. The request for confidentiality is intended to protect proprietary and sensitive information about how some of the technology and systems integration is used. Protecting this information will protect the Bird Aerospace's customer and Bird Aerospace's specialized expertise from unwarranted exposure.

Additionally, this application includes some technical trade secret information which Bird Aerosystems wishes to keep secret from its competitors, in addition to shielding the sensitive information from general release.

This request for confidentiality requests that the Commission withhold from public view any information related to the description of use of spectrum and Exhibit 1 – Explanation of Experiment filed with this application.

In accordance with the OET Electronic filing system requirements, a point by point explanation of the request under section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules is set forth below. Bird Aerosystems hereby requests confidential treatment of this application and, in particular, confidential treatment of Exhibit 1 containing technical data.

Subsection (b) (1): information to be kept confidential – all information in Exhibit 1 to application and as much of the application as can be kept confidential;

Subsection (b) (2): This application is submitted as required by law to seek authorization to operate, however the circumstances of the operation require that this confidentiality request be filed to protect trade secrets. This explanation is provided more fully above.

Subsection (b) (3): Some aspects of the technology used by Bird Aerosystems are protected trade secrets, and as such, confidential treatment of this application will protect from the public some of the tools and techniques that Bird Aerosystems keeps secret to advance the development of its products.

Subsection (b)(4): N/A

Subsection (b)(5): N/A

Subsection (b)(6): Only this submission with the accompanying confidentiality request has been made public, the rest of the information is at a secured facility and classified;

Subsection (b)(7): The underlying information is available only to individuals with the authority to access the information at the relevant secured facilities.

Subsection (b)(8): This request is for the information to be confidential during the license term, which is limited in nature.

Subsection (b) (9): N/A