

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Experimental license Call Sign WC2XVE authorizes The Boeing Company (“Boeing”) to test and demonstrate aircraft earth station (“AES”) antennas -- including the Block 1 phased-array AES, the reflector AES (the Next Generation Antenna or “NGA”) and the eXchange (small business jet) AES -- at Boeing’s Systems Integration Facility (“SIF”) in Kent, Washington, as well as throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, U.S territories, and in international airspace. In addition, the experimental license authorizes Boeing to conduct limited market studies and provide service to the U.S. Government under government contract (File No. 0032-EX-ML-2002). Boeing is also authorized to conduct limited land mobile operations pursuant to this authority (File No. 0038-EX-ML-2003). Boeing has filed a renewal application for this experimental authority (File No. 0254-EX-RR-2006).

As the Commission is aware, Boeing has a contract with the U.S. Air Force Materiel Command (“AFMC”), Contract No. F33657-01-D-0013, to provide, among other things, broadband communications to U.S. Government aircraft. Pursuant to this contract, Boeing has provisioned Block 1 antennas on thirteen VIP/SAM (Very Important Personnel/Special Air Mission) aircraft operated by the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command to transport senior leadership of the U.S. Government and the Department of Defense. The U.S. government aircraft to which Boeing provides Connexion service regularly travel outside the United States, and thus operate under experimental license Call Sign WC2XVE. Boeing is in the process of finalizing a contract extension that covers service to the U.S. Government through late 2008.

The public interest considerations supporting grant of Boeing’s renewal have been set forth in detail in the various applications associated with call Sign WC2XVE, which are hereby incorporated by reference. At base, grant of Boeing’s renewal application would strongly serve the public interest by affording U.S. Government users continued access to critical aeronautical and other communications services. Expedited consideration of Boeing’s renewal application is requested to afford regulatory certainty for Boeing’s ongoing U.S. Government services at the earliest practicable time.