

Explanation of Request for STA

This regards a request by Broad Comm, Inc. (Broad Comm) for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to allow use of frequencies in the range 2504 to 2646 MHz. The purpose is to provide support to the broadcast television networks and other media organizations for their coverage of the Republican National Convention that is scheduled to take place at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, MN between September 1 and September 4, 2008. In order to allow for setup and testing plus some use immediately following the convention the STA request covers the period from August 10, 2008 through September 5, 2008.

Broad Comm provides radio-frequency support services to broadcasters and broadcast network entities for coverage of major events. The FCC has granted Broad Comm and others similar requests for several previous events.

Broad Comm previously requested a number of frequencies for this event. Due to the unexpected demand for the use of portable video cameras by various media organizations that are being supported by Broad Comm this application is a request for additional frequencies in 2.5 to 2.65 GHz range.

It is also noted that the equipment makes and models that have been listed in the application are representative of what is expected to be used. However, equipment with specifications that match or are within the limits of the listed equipment may be substituted as needed. It is further noted that the requested powers and bandwidths are the maximum that might be needed.

Due to the magnitude of this event and the demand for support a large number of transmitters have been requested. The number requested represents what we believe to be the maximum number that may be needed.

Although the request encompasses a 16 km radius of the venue most all of the operation will be restricted to the area in and around the arena.

Broad Comm is aware that this request is not being submitted 30 days prior to the requested start date and requests that the Commission waive that requirement. The late request is due to the recent and unprecedented number of requests for support by the various media organizations.

All operation at the event will comply with the guidelines established by the Political Conventions Communications Committee (POLCOMM2008) who has previously requested to be appointed as the special frequency coordination for the event. Copies of the guidelines and the request for special coordinator have been previously provided.