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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARYMs. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554Re: REQUEST OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR SPECIAL
TEMPORARY AUTHORITY: Expedited Consideration Requested

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of the County of Los Angeles, enclosed herewith for filing with the Commission is a Request for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to utilize the 2402-2450 MHz band for certain public safety air-to-ground video communication during the period before, during, and immediately after the upcoming Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles. The County requests expedited consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Gurss
Counsel for Los Angeles Countycc: James Burtles, Chief
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Chris Imlay, Esq.



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO UPCOMING
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES

Dear Mr. Burtle:

Pursuant to Section 5.61(a) of the Commission's rules, the County of Los Angeles, through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (STA) to operate air-to-ground microwave video communications in the 2402-2450 MHz band so as to provide critical public safety communications regarding events before, during, and immediately following the Democratic National Convention. We request that the STA become effective no later than August 8, 2000, and that it remain in force for 30 days. The County currently has pending with the Commission an Application for Experimental Authorization for this type of operation in the 2402-2450 MHz band (File No. 0217 EXPL 1999), and hereby requests that the STA be granted for the operating parameters set forth in that application (a copy of which is enclosed for the convenience of the Commission).

The Democratic National Convention poses unique challenges for law enforcement and other public safety officials. Top priorities include security for attendees, dignitaries (including the President of the United States), and the public, traffic management, and crowd control. Of particular concern are the anticipated large scale public demonstrations at various locations and the potential for civil disturbances. An essential element of the Department's

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operations related to the Convention will be radio communication, including live video transmissions from helicopters to command and control facilities on the ground. The equipment for such video operations is installed in Sheriff's Department helicopters and has been used pursuant to a license to operate at 2460.9375 MHz. However, use of that license must be coordinated with television broadcasters who are also licensed in the 2450-2483 MHz band, and who also will be making extensive use of the band during the Democratic National Convention. Indeed, the Department was recently notified of proposed broadcast use that, unless modified, will prevent Department operations on its licensed frequency near the location of the Convention. While the Department intends to address that matter with the coordinator, it will in any event require additional channel capacity to provide on-demand, 24-hour live video capability for its public safety communication requirements.

Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, the Department hereby requests expedited approval of Special Temporary Authority to operate at 2402-2450, subject to the Commission's standard conditions regarding protection of other licensed operations. Please contact our Washington counsel, Robert Gurss at 202-662-4856, should the Commission require any additional information at this time.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Sedita', with a large, stylized loop at the beginning and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert N. Sedita, Captain
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