

Date: September 30, 2013
Subject: Request for Confidentiality
FCC File Number: 0923-EX-ST-2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Google Inc. (“Google”), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, hereby requests that certain information complementary to its above-referenced application for Special Temporary Authority (“STA Application”) be treated as confidential and not subject to public inspection. The designated information constitutes confidential and proprietary information that, if subject to public disclosure, would cause significant commercial, economic, and competitive harm. As described below, Google’s request satisfies the standards for grant of such requests set forth in Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission’s Rules.

In accordance with Section 0.459(b) and in support of this request, Google provides the following information:

1. Identification of the Information for Which Confidential Treatment is Sought:

Google’s request for confidential treatment is limited to the following information that has been redacted from the STA application and complementary exhibits:

Application:

[REDACTED]

Google does not seek to withhold from public inspection information in the STA application necessary for interference mitigation, including applicant name, contact information, test location, frequency, output power, effective radiated power, emission characteristics and modulation.

Exhibit A - STA Justification:

Google requests confidential treatment of the following highlighted text from Exhibit A that contains confidential and proprietary information regarding the proposed tests/experiments.

The STA is needed for demonstration and testing of technology

[REDACTED]

Timely grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing Google to test and demonstrate

[REDACTED]

Grant of this experimental STA will not adversely impact any authorized user of RF spectrum.

[REDACTED]

Exhibit B - Technical Information:

Google requests confidential treatment of the following portions from Exhibit B that contain confidential and proprietary information regarding the proposed tests/experiments.

[REDACTED]

Exhibit C - Spectrum Documentation:

Confidential treatment is sought for Exhibit C in its entirety.

2. Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission.

The above-referenced Exhibits were submitted to the Commission in support of the STA Application. These Exhibits were filed with the Office of Engineering and Technology on September 30, 2013. For additional information, please see File No. 0923-EX-ST-2013.

3. Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial or contains a trade secret or is privileged.

The information requested to be kept confidential has significant commercial value. The details of the STA Application tests/experiments may include trade secret information. The Commission has clarified that confidential treatment should be afforded to trade secrets.¹ Google's tests/experiments and proprietary wireless applications using particular radiofrequency equipment represent a "secret commercially valuable plan" within the meaning of a trade secret as recognized by the Commission.

In addition, agreements entered into between Google and the parties identified above require that confidential information of the parties be held in strict confidence, and that such information not be disclosed to any third party (with limited exceptions not applicable to this request). The manufacturer name and model number constitutes confidential trade secrets, technical information, and business information under the agreements.

¹ Examination of Current Policy Concerning the Treatment of Confidential Information Submitted to the Commission, Report and Order, GC Docket No. 96-55, at para. 3, (released August 4, 1998) (defining "trade secrets" for purpose of Commission rules on confidential treatment).

4. Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is competitive.

The services and technologies that are the subject of this STA Application have not yet been fully developed but are expected to lead to material developments in markets subject to fierce competition from multiple U.S. and non-U.S. third parties.

5. Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm.

The technology under development is highly sensitive and confidential in nature. The release of such information would provide valuable insight into Google's technology innovations and potential business plans and strategies. Public disclosure will jeopardize the value of the technology under examination by enabling others to utilize Google's information to develop similar products in a similar timeframe.

6. Identification of any measures taken by the requesting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure.

Google has taken steps to keep confidential the information set forth in the confidential exhibits by limiting the number of people involved in the tests/experiments to only those on a "need to know" basis, and by requiring that all third parties involved in the preliminary analysis execute robust nondisclosure agreements.

7. Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosures of the information to any third parties.

The information contained in the confidential exhibits is not available to the public, and has only been disclosed to third parties pursuant to the restrictive safeguards described above.

Google voluntarily provides the information to the Commission at this time with the expectation that it will be treated confidentially in accordance with the Commission's rules. *See Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Comm 'n*, 975 F.2d 871, 879 (D.C. Cir. 1992) (commercial information provided on a voluntary basis "is 'confidential' for the purpose of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Exemption 4 if it is of a kind that would customarily not be released to the public by the person from whom it was obtained.")

8. Justification of the requested period of confidentiality

Google expects that confidential treatment is necessary for the length of the proposed experiment and thereafter in order to protect its evolving business and technology strategies.

9. Any other information that would be useful in assessing whether this request should be submitted.

The information subject to this request for confidentiality should not be made available for public disclosure at any time. There is nothing material that public review of this information would add to the Commission's analysis of Google's request for an experimental authorization. STA grants are not subject to Public Notice requirements set forth in the Communications Act. Further, STA authorizations do not grant permanent rights to operate and do not permit the provision of commercial services to customers. See 47 C.F.R. § 5.3 (describing limited scope of permissible experimental services.)

Moreover, public disclosure of the sensitive information in the confidential exhibits to the STA Application after the Commission has ruled on the Request for Confidentiality is not necessary for the Commission to fulfill its regulatory responsibilities.

Consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(d)(1), Google requests notification if release of the information subject to this request is requested pursuant to the FOIA or otherwise, so that Google may have an opportunity to oppose grant of any such request.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Aparna Sridhar
Policy Counsel
Google Inc

EXHIBIT A – SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY JUSTIFICATION

Google Inc. (“Applicant” or “Google”), pursuant to Section 5.61 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC’s” or “Commission’s”) Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 5.61, hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to conduct demonstrations of experimental transmitters. The STA is sought for a period of 180 days beginning not later than October 14, 2013. Consistent with the standards set forth in Section 5.61, Google outlines below its need for the requested STA and the compelling reasons why the STA should be granted expeditiously.

Google offers technologies that span the entire wireless economy—including mobile operating systems, mobile search, cloud-based services, and maps. Without exception, these businesses depend on access to robust spectrum resources as well as wireless infrastructure. Given the ever-increasing and competing demands on finite spectrum resources and wireless infrastructure, Google has become an advocate for responsible shared use of spectrum resources, an innovator in developing cutting-edge technologies to maximize the efficient reuse of spectrum, and a pioneer in extending wireless infrastructure to underserved or unserved communities.

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Timely grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing Google to test and demonstrate

[REDACTED]

Grant of this experimental STA will not adversely impact any authorized user of RF spectrum

[REDACTED]¹²

¹ [REDACTED]

² [REDACTED]

In summary, grant of the requested STA is required for the purpose of allowing Google to test and demonstrate innovative technology with the potential to advance numerous public interest goals. For these reasons, Google requests approval of its STA application.

EXHIBIT B - TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Google Inc.
Applicant FRN: 0016069502

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]	
Radius of Operation	Not to exceed 100 miles from geographic centerpoint
Geographic Centerpoint (Lat / Long. NAD 83)	40° 25' 26.1" N
	116° 16' 39.8" W

Equipment under test will not operate in a 25-mile radius around the coordinates of 40° 50' 1.5216" N / 115° 45' 40.7154" W.

Frequency Range / Tolerance	High (MHz)	Low (MHz)
	2145.0000	2155.0000

Frequency Range / Tolerance	Modulation	Emission Designator	Bandwidth (MHz)	Power Out (Watts)	EIRP (dBW)
	Digital	W7D	10	10 W	24.27

Antenna Details	
[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	

Gain	6 dBi
Beam Width at Half-Power Point	90
Orientation in Horizontal Plane	NA
Orientation in Vertical Plane	NA

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]	
Radius of Operation	Not to exceed 100 miles from geographic centerpoint
Geographic Centerpoint (Lat / Long, NAD 83)	40° 25' 26.1" N
	116° 16' 39.8" W

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Frequency Range / Tolerance	High (MHz)	Low (MHz)
	1745.0000	1755.0000

Frequency Range / Tolerance	Modulation	Emission Designator	Bandwidth (MHz)	Power Out (Watts)	EIRP (dBW)
	Digital	W7D	10	10 W	24.27

Antenna Details	
[REDACTED]	
Gain	6 dBi
Beam Width at Half-Power Point	90
Orientation in Horizontal Plane	NA
Orientation in Vertical Plane	NA

[REDACTED]

EXHIBIT C – [REDACTED]