

STATEMENT OF LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION IN SUPPORT OF EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION AND GRANT OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY, AND EXPLANATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO UNAUTHORIZED OPERATION

With this request for special temporary authority, Lockheed Martin Corporation ("Lockheed Martin") seeks expedited approval from the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology for special temporary authority to operate a radar station in Helendale, California for six months to fulfil our contractual obligations to the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. Lockheed Martin intends to replace the requested temporary authorization with a permanent authorization pursuant to a forthcoming application for a permanent Experimental Radio Service license to cover the facility's operation.

Lockheed Martin constructed the subject radar facility in the 1980's in partnership with the U.S. Government, and operated it in coordination with the Department of Defense in fulfillment of multiple contractual obligations with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. Initial frequency authorizations for this facility date back to at least 1986. However, Lockheed Martin is unable to find any record of current frequency authorizations covering the Helendale, California site.

The requirements of Lockheed Martin's contractual arrangements with the Department of Defense and related agencies are such that immediate Commission authorization is needed for continued operation of the facility in fulfillment of those obligations and the national interests they represent. With this request for special temporary authority, Lockheed Martin seeks expedited temporary authorization to operate its Helendale, California radar facility for the exclusive purpose of fulfilling its contractual obligations to the U.S. Government. Lockheed Martin is finalizing an application for an Experimental Radio Service license to operate the facility in fulfillment of its obligations, and intends to file that application as soon as practicable.

In particular, Lockheed Martin asserts that good cause exists for grant of the temporary authorization requested here on less than ten (10) days' advance notice under Section 5.61(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules. The station in question has been used and continues to be required for regular use in support of the United States Government, and any disruption in such use imposes problematic delays in important Government programs. Operation under the special temporary authority requested here is urgently required by Lockheed Martin's United States Government customers. Under these circumstances, Lockheed Martin urges the Commission to determine that good cause exists for the expedited action requested. The remaining points of information responsive to Section 5.61 of the Commission's Rules for special temporary authority are presented in an Exhibit to this Request.

Lockheed Martin requests the temporary authority sought here be issued for six months' duration. As stated above, Lockheed Martin intends to replace the requested temporary authorization with a permanent authorization pursuant to the above-

referenced forthcoming application for a permanent Experimental Radio Service license to cover the facility's operation.

Lockheed Martin is bringing this apparent gap in authorized access to the Commission's attention promptly, but is continuing to investigate both the facts and circumstances here. Lockheed Martin regrets this situation, and is committed to developing and implementing additional internal corporate processes to educate its operations personnel in an effort to prevent a replication of this situation in the future.

Please direct any questions or correspondence regarding this request and the surrounding circumstances to Jennifer A. Warren, Vice President, Technology Policy and Regulation. Her email address is Jennifer.warren@lmco.com, and her direct line is (703) 413-5970.