

Metro Telecom, Inc. ("Applicant") is requesting a renewal of its experimental authorization, call sign WB2X-AB, which will expire July 1, 2001, 3:00 am EST. Applicant is in the process of completing an application and associate waiver request¹ ("Application") seeking permanent authority to operate the mobile telecommunications system which it has successfully operated pursuant to its experimental authorization.

The FCC authorized Applicant to construct an experimental land mobile system for use in the limited geographic area surrounding the JFK International Airport, Newark International Airport and LaGuardia Airport in the New York metropolitan area. The experimental system provides critical communication services to the staff that coordinate the day-to-day operations of the some of the countries busiest airports. Applicant requests a renewal of its experimental authorization while it completes its Application for permanent authority and while that Application is pending. Without a renewal of its experimental authorization, Applicant will not be able to continue to provide the valuable communication services to the aforementioned airports which will cause significant disruption to the day-to-day operations of those airports.

¹Applicant's experimental system utilizes frequencies 12.5 kHz from the 450 MHz paired frequencies available under FCC Rule Section 22.805. In seeking permanent authority, Applicant will seek a waiver of FCC Rule Section 22.805 which provides a list of paired channels to be used for the provision of radiotelephone service to airborne mobile subscribers" and which establishes a bandwidth of each channel at 20 kHz.