

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Super Bowl, February, 2009

Special Temporary Authorization Request

This STA request will facilitate the operation of the Super Bowl at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida and the operations and logistics of arrangements before and after this extremely large scale sporting event.

The STA proposes the use of television broadcast channel 17 (488-494 MHz) except for guard band segments of 250 kHz at the low and high ends of that band to protect adjacent-channel broadcast television operation in the Tampa metro area.

Similar STA grants have been made by the Commission in past years (See, e.g. WB9XOU, file numbers 0496-EX-ST-2003 and 0002-EX-ST-2005; and WC9XUY, file number 0901-EX-ST-2006; and WD9XBT, file number 0510-EX-ST-2007).

All operation will be coordinated in advance, as are all radio frequency operations in and around the event, by the Society of Broadcast Engineers and the National Football League.

A search of the Commission's Media Bureau Database by Engineer Karl Voss shows that there are no television, land mobile or other licensees authorized to use the subject channel within a 113 km radius of the standard coordinates for the Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida: (27-58-01N, 082-31-05W), save for W17DB-DT, which is a Digital Television LPTV construction permit **not now on air**. A representative of the Society of Broadcast Engineers has contacted the permittee and has been assured that between January 20, 2008 and February 4, 2009, W17DB-DT will not be on the air and will therefore not be interfered with whatsoever. The instant STA application specifies a maximum of 250 units to be deployed, but the number will likely be less than 250. That maximum number of units was granted by the Commission in previous years for the Super Bowl.

The active participation at the event by the NFL Frequency Organization Group, headed by Mr. Jay Gerber, has avoided RF interference complaints at the past 11 Super Bowls through active, advance and real-time frequency coordination. The participation of the local SBE frequency coordinator for the Tampa, Florida broadcast market will insure that there is no interference at this upcoming event. Any interference that cannot be immediately resolved will result in cessation of operation of the affected mobile operations on site.

Mr. Gerber's contact information on-site is by cellphone at 215-805-3801. Otherwise, any information can be obtained from counsel for the applicant:

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