

August 21, 2000

Federal Communications Commission
Experimental Radio Service
P.O. Box 358320
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5320

Gentlemen:

This letter is a request for a renewal of an existing Special Temporary Authority (STA) in order to operate transmitting equipment in the Experimental Radio Service. This request constitutes an informal application, as described in Section 5.55 of the Commission's rules.

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Need for
Action: The STA is being requested primarily due to the limited duration of planned experimental operation. North West Rural Electric Cooperative desires to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of providing a packet based 512 kilobyte local loop and data service in a rural service area using 1.9 GHz fixed wireless equipment. The proposed trial will use radio equipment that has not been type accepted by the FCC.

Type of
Operation: Operation of a single code division multiple access (CDMA), wireless local access, base station and fewer than thirty subscriber terminals at fixed sites in the immediate vicinity of the base station tower located within the city of Orange City, Iowa is proposed. The trial will be provided at no cost to the participants.

Purpose of
Operation: Experimental operation is planned in order to evaluate radio system dynamic performance in free space propagation conditions, radio equipment reliability, equipment installation procedures, and antenna alignment techniques associated with the wireless fixed access equipment.

Duration: Experimentation to conclude six months after grant of authorization. A grant date of September 20, 2000 has been requested.

Call Sign: WA9XGA

Nature of

Service: The radio equipment being evaluated is capable of providing basic telephone and data service using a digital packet radio channel.

Location: The base station will be located on the city's water tower, 321 3rd Street S.W., Orange City, Iowa. The coordinates of this site are:

Latitude 43:00:16.0 (NAD 27)
Longitude 96:03:42.0

All subscriber terminals will be within fifteen miles of the base station location.

Equipment: Airspan, model AS4000 Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) packet base station transceiver (quantity one), model AS4000 subscriber packet transceivers, or a model L128 data channel subscriber transceiver, (including all subscriber devices there will be a quantity of fewer than thirty), and associated interface, non-radio transmission, and network management equipment. This equipment will be modified for this trial and has not been type accepted.

Frequency

Desired: Base Station 1930 - 1990 MHz Transmit (carrier frequency)
Subscriber Terminals 1850 - 1910 MHz Transmit (carrier frequency)

Authorization of carrier frequencies within the ranges listed is requested; a single operating channel pair will be selected based on the local interference environment. As planned, the operational channel pair will be operated in the PCS C-block (carrier frequencies 1900.0 MHz / 1980.0 MHz). If the C-block operation is not compatible with other operations in the band, another channel within the requested frequency range will be selected after obtaining the consent of the PCS license holder. Prior to operation, frequency coordination with potentially affected operational-fixed microwave incumbents (co-channel and adjacent to the proposed operating frequency) in the area will be completed.

Radiated

Power: The effective radiated power (EIRP) of the subscriber terminal will be less than 41 dBm, or 13 Watts. The effective radiated power (EIRP) of the base station transmitter will be less than 45 dBm, or 32 Watts. The subscriber terminal uses a transmit power control system.

Actual transmit power of the base station will be less than 35 dBm, or 3.1 Watts; actual transmit power of each subscriber terminal will be less than 28 dBm, or 631 milliwatts.

Emission: G7W - QPSK Modulation Using Direct Sequence CDMA Multiple Access Technique.

Bandwidth: 3000 kHz (base and subscriber transmitters)
(Equipment will meet FCC out-of-block emission limits specified in Part 24.238.)

Antenna

Height: Base Station 1430 Feet AMSL or less, 150 Feet AGL or less
Subscriber Terminal 1500 Feet AMSL or less, 40 Feet AGL or less

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The base station antenna will be mounted on an existing tower structure below the current FAA approved height. The subscriber antenna height is expected to be below the height of the rooftop of the dwelling.

Signature of applicant

North West Rural Electric Cooperative

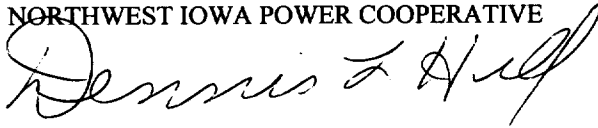


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If you have any questions associated with this application or require additional technical information, please contact me at (712) 546-3529.

Sincerely,

NORTHWEST IOWA POWER COOPERATIVE



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