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From: Carl Huie
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 5:34 PM
To: Siddall, David R.
Cc: Schuermann, Vance W.
Subject: RE: FUR RE: 165rr04, WB2XEK

noted. Have already resubmitted coordination but will use the letter later if necessary.

-----Original Message-----

From: Siddall, David R. [mailto:davidsiddall@paulhastings.com]
Sent: Thu 2/10/2005 4:46 PM
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Carl,

Here is a letter from the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection explaining the issue on this application. Please associate this letter with the renewal application file. If I should send this to someone else associated with IRAC, please let me know.

Thank you.

David Siddall

-----Original Message-----

From: Carl Huie [mailto:Carl.Huie@fcc.gov]
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20229



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

8 February 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

The United States Customs Service has two contracts with Northrop Grumman to upgrade, make repairs to and test APG-66(V)5 radars installed in P-3 aircraft. The contract numbers for those contracts are: TC-99-037 and N00383-04-G-009A (BOA). These are continuing projects and the BOA will be extended beyond May 2005.

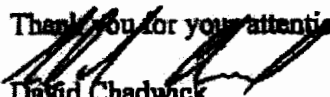
Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation requires an FCC Experimental license to carry out its contractual duties to repair, upgrade and test these radars. Since January 10, 2000, Northrop Grumman has held such an FCC experimental license to conduct the operations necessary for this program, FCC File Numbers 0278-EX-PL-1999 and 0027-EX-TC-2001, FCC Experimental Radio Station License WB2XEK.

A renewal application for License WB2XEK was filed with the FCC on December 2, 2004. The FCC sent the application to the Intergovernmental Radio Advisory Committee ("IRAC") for frequency coordination in the normal course of its consideration. For reasons that we do not know, the IRAC approved renewal of the license only subject to changing the bandwidth center frequency from 9800 MHz to 9696 MHz.

The radars currently are being operated by the Customs Service within a total used bandwidth of 9696 - 9904 MHz, and the same frequencies must be used to repair, upgrade and test these radars. They are not designed and will not operate with the changed center frequency. This change to the license therefore would prevent Northrop Grumman from performing the needed tests and evaluation of the radar units at the frequencies on which they are designed to transmit and at which the Customs Service operates them.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that coordination for the original frequencies and terms of FCC license WB2XEK be approved, as set forth in Exhibit 1 of the FCC Form 442 originally filed with the FCC in October 1999, FCC File No. 0278-EX-PL-1999, for the bandwidth used by the APG-66(V)5 radar transmits - 9696 - 9904 MHz (centering on 9800 MHz).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.


David Chadwick
APG66 Program Manager