

Raytheon Company (Missiles & Defense – M) Experimental Renewal Application
Request for Confidentiality
Application File Number: 0523-EX-CR-2020

Raytheon Company (Missiles & Defense – M) is requesting confidentiality for experimental license exhibits submitted with renewal application number 0523-EX-CR-2020 to the extent allowed by the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §0.459. Should the Commission be unable to grant this confidentiality request, the applicant requests that the Commission contact the applicant as soon as possible.

The radio operations being renewed under this application are for the testing of proprietary technology under research and development for use by foreign governments and to serve some interests expressed by federal agencies in the US. While the Commission's Rules automatically protect some national security information from public disclosure under 47 C.F.R. §0.457, the application submitted here does not fit into the specific provisions of Section 0.457. Therefore, Raytheon is seeking to protect the information submitted here under the provisions of Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules. The request for confidentiality is intended to protect proprietary and sensitive information about how this technology is being developed and how it might operate. Protecting this information will protect Raytheon's proprietary technology from unwarranted exposure.

Additionally, this application includes some technical trade secret information which Raytheon wishes to keep secret from its competitors, in addition to shielding the sensitive information from general release. The details in the exhibit include information that could lead competitors to learn about the development of the technology and some of the essential tools used to advance the development, in accordance with the Commission's rules. Keeping the design and operation of the developmental tests confidential is essential to maintaining the totality of the trade secrets related to Raytheon's active denial systems and how they work.

This request for confidentiality requests that the Commission withhold from public view any information related to the description of use of spectrum and all exhibits filed with this application. Protection of this information is essential to preserve Raytheon Missile Systems ability to fulfill its responsibilities to its Department of Defense customers and to protect the American public.

In accordance with the OET Electronic filing system requirements, a point by point explanation of the request under section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules is set forth below. Raytheon hereby requests confidential treatment of the exhibits including link budgets and technical data.

Subsection (b) (1): information to be kept confidential – all information in the exhibit to application;

Subsection (b) (2): This application is submitted as required by law to seek authorization to operate, however the circumstances of the operation require that this confidentiality request be filed in the interests of national security and to protect trade secrets. This explanation is provided more fully above.

Subsection (b) (3): Some aspects of the system under development are protected trade secrets, and as such, confidential treatment of this application will protect from the public some of the tools and techniques that Raytheon keeps secret to advance the development of its products.

Subsection (b)(4): N/A

Subsection (b)(5): N/A

Subsection (b)(6): Only this submission with the accompanying confidentiality request has been made public, the rest of the information is at a secured facility and classified;

Subsection (b)(7): The underlying information is available only to individuals with the authority to access the information at the relevant secured facilities.

Subsection (b)(8): National security requires that this information be kept confidential during processing AND for the duration of any license, and license renewal, that is issued.

Subsection (b) (9): N/A