

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

By this application, and pursuant to Section 5.3(a), (f) and (j) and Section 5.61 of the FCC Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 5.3(d)(f) and (j) and 5.61 (2013), Rurisond, Inc. respectfully seeks a six-month experimental special temporary authorization (“STA”), from July 13 through December 31, 2015, to evaluate the functionality and reliability of prototype communications equipment and technologies that will operate on channels below 50 MHz.

The following information is provided in support of this request:

1) Need for a 6-month authorization

Rurisond, Inc., headquartered at 554 San Antonio Road, Mountain View, CA 94040 (FRN 0024669012), needs a 6-month license to accommodate research that will be completed by the end of the year. It seeks to collect sufficient data within that time frame to assess the operational characteristics of the equipment to determine if additional research is needed and can be funded.

2) Purpose of Operation

Rurisond seeks to conduct research into the performance and reliability of prototype equipment and associated software that would support communications capabilities using frequency and protocol agile radios based on an innovative, intelligent software framework operating on a secondary, non-interference basis. Specifically, the company seeks to evaluate the propagation characteristics of equipment and software using near vertical incidence (“NVIS”), groundwave and meteorburst technologies.

Such capabilities are beneficial to the public interest especially where other means of communications are unavailable or cannot be practicably or economically supported. In particular, such capabilities could provide two-way communications in rural or otherwise geographically remote areas that are not generally within the coverage of commercial service providers. Moreover, such capabilities serve as a substitute when regular communications circuits which have been disrupted by disasters or emergencies.

Under the requested STA, Rurisond’s fixed base stations would transmit short, narrowband sequences (*e.g.*, for 5 seconds on 3 kHz or narrower channels) at limited, controlled times and intervals throughout the day (*e.g.*, approximately once every 30 to 60 minutes on any specific channel). These transmissions will include small payloads to allow the company to assess the performance of the spectrum as well as to determine how the proposed algorithms will perform at different times during the day using the propagation methods described. The objective of the research is to evaluate whether the algorithms and techniques under review perform reliably at very low power to support two-way connections between sites not currently served—or not well served—using today’s technologies and methods.

Rurison does not seek authority to conduct market studies or provide communications services under the requested experimental authority. The participants in the research are principals or employees of the company and will be advised that: (a) the operations are being conducted under an experimental authority issued to Rurison, (b) the company is responsible for the experimental activities, (c) all operations are being conducted on a non-interference basis, and (d) after the test is completed, Rurison will retrieve and recover all devices that do not comply with FCC regulations. Rurison understands that the FCC may specify these as well as other conditions on its authorization.

3) Spectrum Requested

Rurison recognizes that the channel bands it has requested, as listed in Appendix A, are allocated for licensed uses. Accordingly, it will coordinate and cooperate with other users to ensure against interference. Moreover, Rurison has researched the FCC's licensing databases and proposes to operate on channel centers that are not currently assigned to other licensees in the area or that are spectrally separated from channel centers offset from the channel centers currently assigned to other licensees in the area. In addition, Rurison does not propose to operate on channel centers deployed by licensees in the public safety, aeronautical, or public coast radio services. Company personnel will also monitor the operations of other users before commencing transmissions to avoid interference to such users.

The table in Appendix A identifies representative channels within the specified bands that may be available for the company's use on a non-interference basis. Nevertheless, the company is amendable to the issuance of experimental authority to use other channels within those bands (or different bands) should the Commission staff or interested parties prefer that it operate on other bands or channels. As noted above, the equipment to be used is frequency agile and can be tuned at the time of the experiment to other channels.

In the event that it receives a complaint of harmful interference resulting from the proposed operation, Rurison will take immediate action to address the interference, including if necessary discontinuing its operations. The company has designated Mr. Thomas Riddle, whose contact information is provided below, to act as the "stop buzzer" for this purpose.

Notwithstanding the precautions it will take, Rurison does not expect harmful interference to occur. First, the proposed operations will be limited in scope. The base stations will typically transmit for only 5 seconds every 30 to 60 minutes on any specific channel. Second, Rurison will not be operating simultaneously at all of the locations it has requested. It will be conducting tests at only some of the sites identified at any given time.

4) Technical Specifications

a. Power Levels

- i. Transmitter Power Output ("TPO"): 3.5 Watts Mean
- ii. Effective Radiated Power ("ERP"): 5 Watts Mean
- iii. Necessary bandwidth: 3 kHz
- iv. Emissions: F2D, G2D
- v. Frequencies: As listed in Appendix A.
- vi. Antenna: Omnidirectional
- vii. Notes: Other emission modes may be utilized, but in no event will the emissions extend beyond the frequency bands requested. All power levels will comply with the limits set forth in the FCC's rules, including those relating to human exposure to radiation.

b. Proposed Locations

Rurisond seeks authority to conduct its experimental operations at the locations near San Francisco and Lake Tahoe in California specified in the table below and as listed in accompanying FCC Form 442. Specifically, Rurisond seeks authority to operate and demonstrate products: (i) at its own offices; and (ii) at the premises of principals and employees working under Rurisond's authorization to evaluate the devices and related software. No third parties will be involved in the operations. Accordingly, these operations would be consistent with the requirements set forth in Section 2.803 of the Commission's marketing rules and 47 C.F.R. § 2.803 (2013); *see also* Revision of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules Relating to the Marketing and Authorization of Radio Frequency Devices, ET Docket No. 94-45, Report and Order, released Feb. 12, 1997, at 11-13, 19-20 ("Marketing Rule Revisions").

554 San Antonio Road Mountain View, CA 94040 37° 24' 12.92" N 122° 6' 45.28" W	14710 Morelli Lane Sebastapol, CA 95472 38° 26' 05.18" N 122° 56' 34.70" W
3616 Hillcrest Drive Belmont, CA 94002 37° 31' 00.97" N 122° 19' 08.07" W	38 North Walnut Street Woodland, CA 95695 38° 41' 09.21" N 121° 46' 38.88" W
2725 Ohio Avenue Redwood City, CA 94061 37° 27' 10.08" N 122° 13' 55.15" W	4070 Sierra Springs Pollock Pines, CA 95726 38° 42' 37.79" N 120° 37' 29.61" W
1652 21 st Street San Francisco, CA 94122 37° 45' 24.74" N 122° 28' 42.51" W	3899 Lucinda Court South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 38° 56' 32.82" N 119° 56' 44.05" W

c. Equipment To Be Used

Rurisond proposes to deploy only a limited number of units which, as noted above, would operate at low power levels. Rurisond expects that it will be able to complete its experimentation and demonstration with a maximum of 5 base stations and 2 mobiles. In all experiments, Rurisond will also limit the power, area of operation, and transmitting times of these units to the minimum necessary to evaluate the equipment. Rurisond does not propose to supply station identification as set forth in Section 5.115 of the Commission's Rules.

d. Antenna Information

The antennas to be deployed will not extend more than 6 meters above the ground or manmade structure. The antennas will be installed and operated in accordance with all FCC and Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") rules and regulations.

5) Restrictions on Operation

As noted above, Rurisond does not propose to market, sell, or lease any prototype equipment to end users, however. After the experimentation and demonstrations cease, it would recall and recover all devices. If any different treatment becomes necessary during the course of its experimentation and demonstrations, Rurisond will seek separate and additional authority from the agency.

Also as noted above, Rurisond recognizes that the operation of any unapproved or unlicensed devices under experimentation must not cause harmful interference to authorized facilities. Should interference occur, it will immediately take reasonable steps to resolve the interference, including if necessary discontinuing operation. To that end, the company will advise persons operating the equipment that permission to use the equipment has been granted under experimental authority issued to Rurisond, is strictly temporary and may be canceled at any time. The company will also advise operators that such operation is subject to the condition that the equipment may not cause harmful interference.

Rurisond submits that its experimental operations are unlikely to cause harmful interference. As explained above, Rurisond intends to monitor use of the relevant channels before commencing transmissions, and it will not operate if the channels are in use. The equipment it proposes to deploy is frequency agile and can be tuned at the time of the experiment or demonstration to any frequency or channel in the requested band. In addition, Rurisond will work with other licensees to operate only on channels that are unused at the time of the experiments. Because the prototype devices use short transmissions, typically only a few second in duration, Rurisond can monitor the channel and avoid interference to other users.

6) Public Interest

Rurison submits that issuance of a license is in the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Grant of a license will permit Rurison to research the propagation and operational characteristics of innovative equipment and technologies to support important communications capabilities provided on a secondary, non-interference basis.

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APPENDIX A - PROPOSED FREQUENCIES

Band (MHz)	Sample Center Channels/Sub bands (MHz)*
1.7125-1717	1.7125, 1.717
1.743-1.780	1.743, 1.750, 1.760, 1.780
2.110-2.170	2.110, 2.130, 2.150, 2.160, 2.170
3.050-3.210	3.050, 3.100, 3.170, 3.210
4.444-4.624	4.444, 4.483, 4.486, 4.487, 4.583, 4.624
5.050-5.072	5.050, 5.066, 5.072
6.750-7.200	6.750, 6.821, 6.864, 6.885-6.940, 6.955-7.200
8.098-8.360	8.098-8.095,* 8.200-8.280, 8.300-8.360
9.109-9.800	9.109, 9.176, 9.196, 9.280, 9.295, 9.333, 9.500-9.800
10.150-10.940	10.150, 10.177, 10.194, 10.272, 10.278, 10.420-10.480, 10.750-10.830, 10.840-10.940
13.419-13.860	13.419-13.421, 13.538, 13.557-13.860
12.216-12.221	12.216, 12.219, 12.221
14.448-14.530	14.448, 14.460, 14.508, 14.517, 14.520, 14.260-14.530
30.600-31.500	30.600, 30.620, 30.640, 30.660, 30.680, 30.700, 30.720, 30.860, 30.880, 30.990, 31.940, 31.960, 31.980, 31.000, 31.420, 31.440, 31.460, 31.480, 31.500
35.140-35.780	35.140, 35.720, 35.770, 35.780
43.800-44.560	43.800, 43.820, 43.860, 43.880, 43.960, 44.240, 44.360, 44,380, 44.360, 44.480, 44.360, 44.560
47.0010-49.570	47.010-49.570 (offsets), 48.920

* Other channels may be used within the bands identified above when necessary to avoid interference. Rurisond proposes to operate on channel centers that are either: (1) not assigned to other licensees in the area; or (2) spectrally separated (*e.g.*, on channels offset from the channel centers assigned to licensees) from the channel centers of other licensees. In particular, the company will not operate on channel centers deployed by licensees in the public safety, aeronautical, or public coast radio services. Where the table identifies a band segment rather than a specific channel, the company will select channel centers as described above. In addition, the company will monitor the operations of other users before commencing transmissions to avoid interference.